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REPORTS

—OF—

Selectmen, Treasurer,

—AND—

Superintending School Committee

—OF THE—

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET,

FOR THE YEAR ENDING MARCH 1st, 1882.

EXETER, N. H.:

THE EXETER GAZETTE STEAM PRINTING HOUSE.

1882.



ANNUAL REPORT

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TOWN OFFICERS.

Moderator.

ALBERT FIELD.

Town Clerk.

ALBERT H. VARNEY.

Selectmen.

JOHN E. SIMPSON,

DANIEL C. LANGLANDS,

DANIEL LYNCH

Treasurer.

GEORGE O. PAUL.

Superintending School Committee.

JAMES H. FITTS.

Collector of Taxes.

EPHRAIM G. HILL.

Auditor.

SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

TREASURER'S ACCOUNTS.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the Town.

DR.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, March, 1, 1881,	\$60 25
Cash borrowed on notes,	375 00
" received from the State, railroad tax	382 92
Amount received from the State Savings bank,	414 29
Amount received from the State Literary fund,	74 82
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Amount from the County of Rockingham,	106 87
Amount borrowed, temporary loan,	50 00
" received of District No. 1, half of insurance on town hall,	21 87
Amount received, income from town hall,	14 82
Amount of tax list committed to E. G. Hill, for collection,	5568 83
Dog tax,	54 00
	<hr style="width: 10%; margin: 0 auto;"/> 5622 83
Less Discounts,	443 00
Less Abatements,	38 74
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

1881.

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Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

E. B. Pendergast, sheep killed by dogs,	\$5 00
J. M. Ewin, distributing inventory blanks,	5 00
A. J. Neal, interest on note at 4 per cent,	63 75
D. C. Langlands, note and interest,	201 34
Charles Flood, damage to horse by breaking through bridge,	20 00
Wingate & Shaw, printing town reports,	20 00
County of Rockingham, board of J. L. Beckett,	105 00
C. E. Durrell, teaching in school Dist. No. 1,	365 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on hearse house,	3 75
J. M. Ewin, extra police services,	2 50
J. W. Neal, gravel for highways,	9 00
George E. Lane, Treasurer, County tax,	1291 55
A. W. Austin, care of town hall,	3 16
Fred S. Hatch, services at Coroner's inquest on body of Wm. O'Leary,	5 80
Parsons Doe, keeping and medical attendance on horse injured by railroad,	5 00
George B. Wiggin, breaking roads,	4 15
Geo. E. Lane, Collector's book,	1 36
E. C. Williams, copying town accounts,	3 50
*County of Rockingham, expenses of inquest on body of Wm. O'Leary,	30 87
James Kelly, horse and carriage hire.	4 50
Frank P. Neal, repairs of highways Dist. No. 2,	30 00
W. F. Littlefield, school Dist. No. 2,	70 00
Joseph Smith, board of Jones children,	92 43
Frank P. Neal, repairs of highway Dist. No. 2,	20 00
Wm. E. Gilson, note and interest,	430 06
C. V. Jenness, repairing town hall.	3 70

Paid F. S. Smith, milk furnished M. McDonnell,	5 00
H. L. Scott, Supt. of County farm, board of F. French,	166 00
W. F. Littlefield, repairing of highway, Dist. No. 1,	54 00
Chas. E. Durrell, salaries of teachers in School District, No. 1,	400 00
J. C. Hanson, School books furnished Dist. No. 1,	4 39
F. M. Pillsbury, repairing of highway, "	8 00
F. M. Pillsbury, police service,	4 50
State tax,	864 00
Wm. H. Conner, bill of drain pipe, Dist. No. 1,	38 01
*Adaline Neal,	52 00
Chas. F. Pease, hunting dogs \$5.00, bounty on crows, \$1.00,	6 00
Wm. E. Gilson, note and interest,	108 33
Chas. S. Clark, horse and carriage hire,	5 00
W. F. Littlefield, salaries of teachers Dist. No. 2,	118 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on town hall,	43 75
J. M. Ewin, police service,	8 00
J. H. Fitts, services as School committee \$25.00, printing, \$1.00	26 00
Daniel E. Smith, police service,	8 00
Wm. H. Conner, highway Dist. No. 1, sundry bills,	24 68
" " " " labor,	362 85
" " " " breaking roads,	162 35
A. H. Varney, services as town clerk,	38 78
vaccinating 360 persons,	144 00
returning births and deaths,	7 25
Swamscot Machine Co., breaking side walks, highway Dist. No. 1 and furnishing lumber,	36 93

Paid Swamscot Machine Co., coal furnished McDonald,	3 37
Jacob Hersey, 5 sheep killed by dogs,	25 00
H. H. Chesley, sheep damaged by dogs,	5 00
Charles Tuttle, copying inventory,	5 00
D. C. Langlands, services as Selectman,	50 00
Daniel Lynch, " "	40 00
Frank P. Neal, breaking roads Dist. No. 2,	21 75
George P. Hanson, horse and carriage hire,	7 00
Western Union Telegraph Co., telegraphing,	5 58
Shea Trefethen, 60 feet 15 inch drain pipe,	38 80
J. E. Simpson, services as Constable,	8 00
*J. E. Simpson, help to McDonald,	6 00
J. E. Simpson, services as Selectman,	75 25
F. H. Chesley, police services,	3 00
Charles H. Smith, services at road hearing,	34 00
Boston & Maine Railroad, freight on drain pipe,	5 48
County Commissioners, services laying out new road on petition of J. Winkley and others,	41 10
Joseph Smith, boarding and clothing of Jones children,	106 27
George D. W. Robinson, watering trough,	3 00
W. F. Littlefield, " "	3 00
W. F. Littlefield, repairs of highway, Dist. No. 3,	61 20
F. M. Pillsbury, police service and expense,	10 50
E. B. Pendergast, damage to sheep by dogs,	21 00
Albert Field, goods furnished McDonald,	4 81
E. G. Hill, services as police officer and collector of taxes,	98 09
*Ann M. Wiggin, board of James L. Tibbets,	24 00
Charles E. Durrell, salaries of teachers, Dist. No. 1,	375 00
W. Warburton, labor on highway,	6 50
C. H. Littlefield, police service and watering trough,	16 00

Paid George O. Paul, services as Treasurer and expense, 36 50
 Frank H. Chesley, officers and witness fees in case
 of State vs. Charles Davis, 9 12

\$6641 56

Balance in hands of Treasurer, 37

\$6641 93

GEORGE O. PAUL, Treasurer.

*Paid by the County. _____

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN, APRIL 1,
 1881.

Real Estate,	\$230,703 00
Personal property,	69,042 00
Polls,	25,000 00

Rate per \$1000 on all taxes, \$17.00,	\$324,745 00
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FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN DEBTS.

Temporary loan,	\$50 00
Notes due to sundry individuals,	3311 42
Interest Due on the same to March 1, '82,	168 73
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	\$3530 15
Less amt. uncollected, S. E. Hayes' list '80,	7 05
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	37
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	7 42
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Net amt. Town's Indebtedness,	\$3522 73

JOHN E. SIMPSON,	}	Selectmen of South Nwemarket.
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS,		
DANIEL LYNCH,		

AUDITORS' REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen, and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

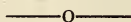
S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1882.

THE ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Superintending School Committee.



The State requires the School Committee to present to the town at its annual meeting a statement in detail of the conditions of its several schools. Your committee offers the following report:

The Selectmen made return in April last of 149 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years; 87 boys and 62 girls. The same month copies of the law respecting the compulsory attendance of children at school were furnished the prudential committee to be posted as the law directs. The number of scholars in town not less than five years of age and attending school not less than two weeks is 161; boys 84 and girls 77.

The school appropriation for the year was	\$756.00
Raised in addition	500.00
Amount of Literary Fund	74.82
Making an aggregate of	1330.82
Being an average for each enrolled scholar of	8.26

The studies pursued have been Monroe's Spelling, Franklin Readers, White's Arithmetics, Eclectic Series in Geography, Swinton's Grammar, Brown's History of the United States, Greenleaf's Algebra, Well's Science of Common Things, Payson, Duntun and Scribner's Penmanship and Book-keeping. This system of penmanship takes the place of the Duntonian Duplex Copy Book of the last few years. A valuable Writing Tablet illustrating the principles of penmanship has been placed in the Grammar School, and another one in District No. 2. Robinson's Complete Arithmetic revised by Daniel W. Fish has been introduced for the more advanced pupils in the Grammar School. The number of different scholars in town studying Spelling is 161, Penmanship 137, Arithmetic 154, Geography 97, Grammar 80, History 22, Composition 42, Algebra 5, Science of Common Things 6, Drawing 1, Reading 161.

There are in town two school districts with Messrs. Charles E. Durrell and William F. Littlefield, Prudential Committees. We have four schools, classified for convenience as Primary, Intermediate, Grammar, and one of Mixed Grade. The teachers employed the past year were the Misses Martha W. Haley, Clara F. Hayes, Harriet E. Sanborn and Flora E. Smith. They were all well known to the community and have shown themselves worthy of confidence and co-operation. In every case each school has continued under the care of the same teacher for the entire school year. It is very pleasant to be able to say that the several teachers have managed their respective schools successfully. They have proved

themselves competent and faithful. Very little complaint has come to your committee, nor has anything in the management of the schools called for special interference on his part. Sincere thanks are due to the prudential committees, teachers, parents, guardians and pupils for their hearty interest and co-operation. Such united interest will enable us to secure all the benefits which our schools afford.

DISTRICT No. 1.

CHARLES E. DURRELL, Prudential Committee.

Money appropriated to the District, \$1142.82. Length of schools 31 weeks—two terms of 10 weeks each, and one term of 11 weeks. Whole number of different scholars in the district, 142. They have shown decided improvement in the course of the year. It has been apparent to all in the village that a quiet but firm hand was controlling the schools, very much to the advantage of the scholars and the comfort of the neighborhood. During the winter the schools were interrupted to some degree, and one school was closed for a week, by the general vaccination of teachers and scholars. At the closing examinations the recitations and declamations were rendered in a prompt and satisfactory manner.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

HARRIET E. SANBORN, Teacher.

Wages per month \$35.00. Number of pupils first term 42, average 39; second term 53, average 47; third term 39, average 37. Percentage of daily attendance first term, .846; second term, .872; third term .757. Pupils not absent first term, 5; second term, 8; third term, 1.

Pupils present every half-day without being tardy, first term, Hannah Kelley, Jerry Donovan, Herman Neal; second term, Annie C. Jones, Nancy James, Hannah Kelley, Fannie C. Marden, Jerry Donovan, Wilbur Littlefield, Herman Neal, Levi L. Pollard; third term, Willie C. Hanson. Visits by the superintendent first term, 2; second term, 6; third term, 3; by parents and friends, first term, 9; second term, 29; third term, not including the closing examination, 6; by Prudential Committee second term, 1; third term, 1.

Miss Sanborn has conducted her pupils through the year with her usual faithfulness and success. Her practice of distributing merit cards seems to work admirably. It is a pleasant sight to witness with what emotions of pride and satisfaction the embryo statesman and future Mrs. President come up to the teacher's desk and receive the little talismanic tablets which announce their daily achievements in the mysteries in A, B, Abs, or the multiplication table.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

CLARA F. HAYES, Teacher.

Wages per month \$35.00. Number of pupils, first term, 43; average 41; second term, 45, average 43; third term, 36, average 35. Percentage of daily attendance, first term .804, second term, .837, third term, .828. Pupils not absent first term 4, second term 9, third term 0. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Robert Murphy, Alice Palmer, Lynda Ewin, Danie Broderick; second term, John Coe, Rufus Pease, Fred Littlefield, Martin Quinn, Frank Hayden, John Lynch, Eugene Donovan, Mabel Sanborn, Nellie Pease. Visits by superintendent, first term, 2, second term, 3, third term 3; by prudential committee, first term, 1, second

term, 1, third term 1 ; by parents and friends, first term, 6, second term, 9, third term, 15.

There is in this school but little variation from term to term in the routine of its steady work. Always a pleasant school to look in upon. Whenever visited it was found orderly and attentive. Both teacher and pupils were interested and faithful.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

MARTHA W. HALEY, Teacher.

Wages per month first and second terms \$52.00 ; third term \$56.00. Number of pupils first term 38, average 31; second term, 37; average 35; third term, 35, average 34. Percentage of daily attendance first term, .903; second term .886; third term, .853. Pupils present every half day, first term, Maggie E. Kelley, Hugh F. Kelley, Mathew G. Kelley, Eddie Ewin ; second term, Maggie E. Kelley, Ralph E. Conner, Nellie Marden, George W. Lyons, Charles A. Sanborn ; third term, Nellie Badger, Charles L. Hanson. Visits by superintendent, first term, 3 ; second term, 4 ; third term, 4 ; by prudential committee, first term, 1 ; second term, 2 ; third term, 3 ; by parents and friends, first term, 14 ; second term, 15 ; third term, 32.

At the beginning of the year this school, fortunately, fell into the hands of Miss Haley. Under her excellent discipline and methodical instruction the pupils could hardly fail to make commendable progress. The school has gained a reputation for good order, studiousness and steady advancement. Especially have the older scholars done themselves and the school great credit.

DISTRICT No. 2.

WILBUR F. LITTLEFIELD, Prudential Committee.

Money appropriated to the District, \$188.00. The school-room has been made even more pleasant than usual by a clock which ticks merrily from the wall. Here were pupils ranging from the age of five years to that of twenty-eight years ; and studies from the primer to natural philosophy and the science of government.

Flora E. Smith, teacher. Wages per month, first term, \$24.00 ; second term, \$28.00. Length of school, 24 weeks—one term of 11 weeks and one of 13 weeks. Number of scholars first term, 18 ; average, 16 ; second term, 13, average 10. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, .94 ; second term, 100. Daniel R. Smith was present, and Herbert W. Smith present without being tardy, every half day of the second term. Visits by school committee first term, 4, second term, 4 ; parents and friends, first term, 37, second term 41.

The school is of a size to bring all of the pupils under the closest personal attention of the teacher. A resident of the District, and but lately among its scholars, the teacher entered upon her work in a manner destined to achieve success. Having the good will of her former companions, commendable progress was made in all the branches taught. Several pupils were absent at the last visits of the committee, but the exercises of those present proved the faithfulness of the work done by both teacher and scholars. So few is the number when all attend, it seems a pity that anything should keep children away. A prize consisting of one of Jane Porter's popular books, offered by Mr. Charles E. Smith for proficiency in spelling, was awarded at the close of the second term to Herbert W. Smith.

Respectfully submitted,

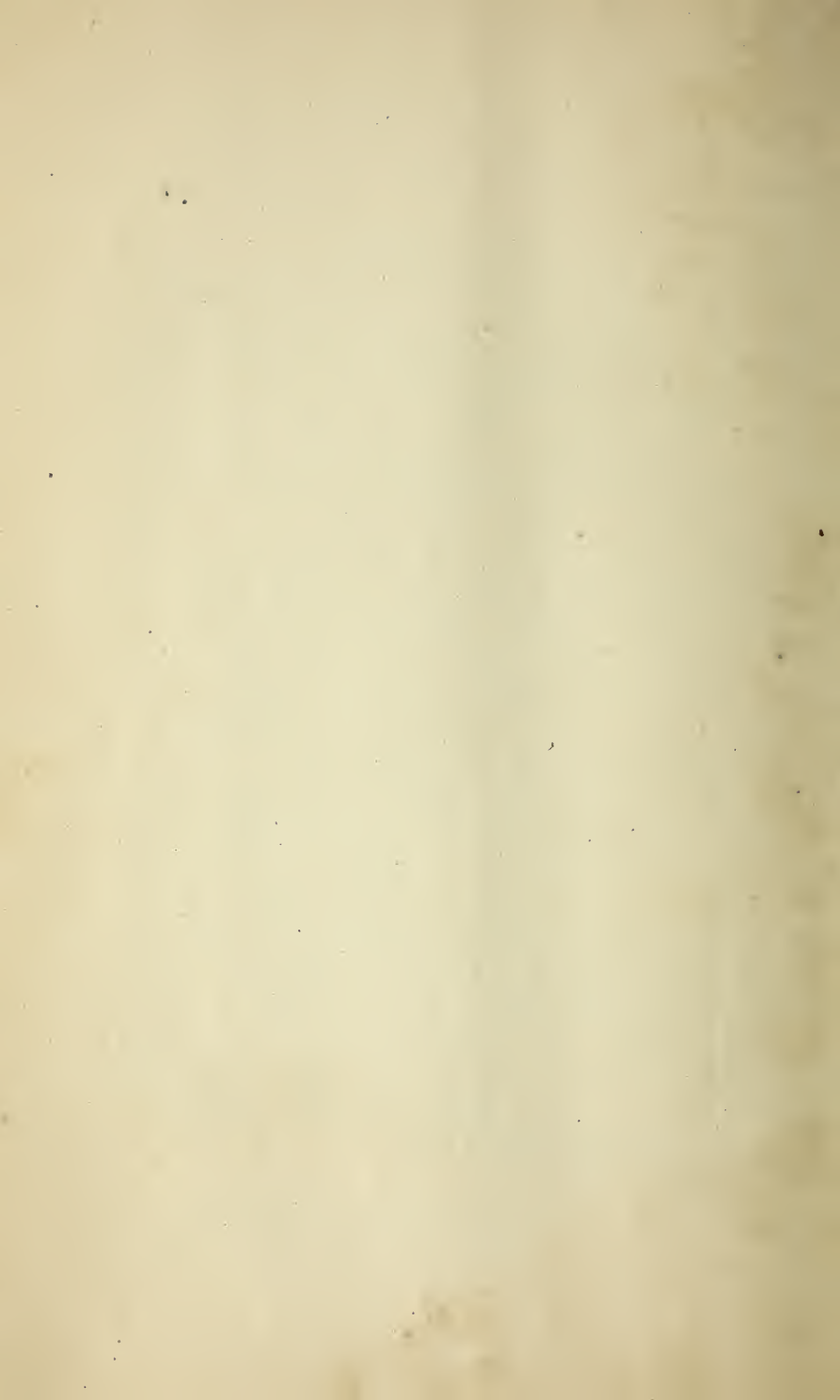
J. H. FITTS.

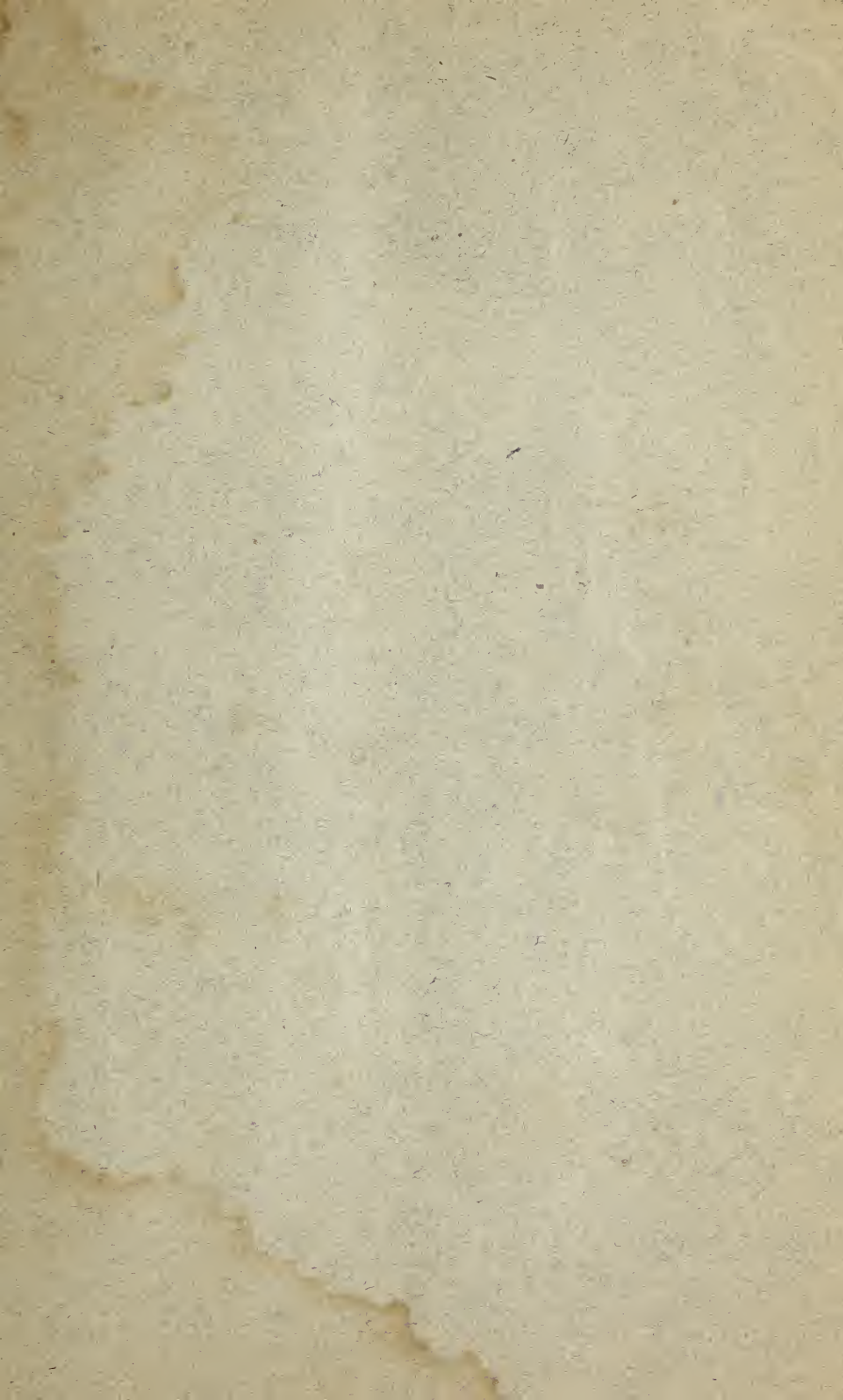
South Newmarket, March 4, 1882.

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Superintending School Committee,

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FOR THE YEAR ENDING

FEBRUARY 28, 1883.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,
H. JENNESS PAUL.

TOWN CLERK,
ALBERT H. VARNEY.

SELECTMEN,
DANIEL G. NEAL,
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,
SAMUEL S. BADGER.

TREASURER,
GEORGE O. PAUL.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,
JAMES H. FITTS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,
CHARLES S. CLARK.

AUDITOR,
SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1882.

SUPERVISORS,
H. JENNESS PAUL,
DANIEL W. LYNCH,
CHARLES S. CLARK.

REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COURT.
DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the town of South
Newmarket. DR.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, February 29, 1882, .37

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$349 20
Savings bank tax,	440 59
Literary fund,	74 06
	<hr/> \$863 85

Amount received from Concord
railroad on account of new
road, 100 00

Amount received from County
of Rockingham, 73 00

Amount received from B. & M.
railroad, on account of Ru-
land & Richard's suits, 2,650 00

Amount received, income
from town hall, 46 00

Amount received from School
district No. 1, one-half
insurance on town hall, 21 87

\$3,754 72

Amount of tax list commit-
ted to C. S. Clarke, collector, 5,736 19

Dog tax, 56 00

\$5,793 19

Less Discounts, \$229 77

Abatements, 53 83

Uncollected, 7 15

290 75

\$5,502 44

\$9,257 16

\$9,257 53

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1882

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Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

S. E. Williams, Auditor,	\$3 00
C. S. Clarke, horse and carriage, March, 1882,	1 25
Wingate & Shaw, printing town accounts, 1881,	20 00
Danl. E. Smith, highway district, No. 3,	20 00
C. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	20 00
J. H. Wilkinson, insurance,	3 75
C. E. Durell, school district No. 1,	335 00
Committee, decoration of soldiers graves,	22 50
A. W. Richards, school district No. 2,	50 00
Shea & Trefethen, bill of drain tile,	20 44
County tax,	1,089 26
F. P. Neal, highway district, No. 2,	80 00
T. W. Thompson, justice fees in State vs.	
Chas. Davis, 1881,	8 00
H. J. Paul, expense in the Richard's case, 1881,	10 00
Wm. Willis, police service,	2 00
Danl. E. Smith, highway district No. 3,	102 60
C. E. Durell, School District, No. 1,	435 00
D. Donovan, repairing burying-ground fence,	3 00
A. W. Richards, School District, No. 2,	138 00
Boston & Maine railroad, transportation on	
lumber, on account of new road,	24 18
State tax,	864 00
Geo. McQuestion & Co., bill of lumber, new	
road,	223 26
B. Galender & Co., bill of spikes and nails,	
new road,	10 95
Danl. Littlefield, bill of lumber, new road,	118 11
Thompson & Batchelder, order book,	75
*Adeline Neal,	52 00
H. S. Tuttle, building new road and bridge,	250 00
A. J. Neal, note and interest,	81 54
" " "	326 83

Paid J. H. Wilkinson, insurance,	43 75
G. D. W. Robinson, land damage,	150 00
“ “ watering trough,	3 00
Two years service of Supervisors,	30 00
*Adeline Neal,	13 00
*A. H. Varney,	8 00
D. C. Langlands, interest on note,	86 14
C. H. Sanborn, “ “	30 00
J. M. Paul “ “	45 00
F. M. Pillsbury, repairs of town hall,	75
J. H. Fitts, services as Superintending School Committee,	25 00
F. H. Chesley, services as policeman,	6 00
“ “ “ “ extra,	6 00
G. P. Hanson, delivering inventory blanks,	3 00
“ “ taking Fitzsimmons to Exeter,	2 00
“ “ watching one night, July 4,	2 00
“ “ taking care of poor persons,	3 00
“ “ services as policeman,	6 00
“ “ one day to Exeter on ac- count of Fitzsimmons,	1 75
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Paid W. H. Conner, repairs of highway, district No. 1,	445 05
“ “ 2 sewer grates, 5.50, 1 cask cement, 1.90	7 40
“ “ freight on pipe,	6 51
“ “ gravel, J. Pike, 15.00, Geo. W. Pease, 20.00,	35 00
“ “ breaking roads,	20 75
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1883.

Paid Joseph Smith, board and clothing of James' children,	209 34
Danl. E. Smith, police service,	6 00

Paid Danl. E. Smith, plank for Cuba bridge,	9 18	
“ “ labor on same,	1 00	
“ “ cutting bushes, 15 hours,	2 25	
“ “ measuring land to widen road, and deed of same,	2 00	
“ “ 375 ft. railing for bridges,	5 62	
“ “ 200 ft. pine boards,	3 00	
“ “ 25 oak posts,	6 25	
“ “ 70 hours breaking roads,	10 50	
“ “ Bounty on crows,	1 40	
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E. B. Pendergast, sheep killed and injured by dogs,	18 00	
Committee on claims against B. & M. R. R.,	15 00	
A. Field, bill for glass for town hall,	1 88	
J. S. H. Frink, counsel fees, Town vs. B. & M. railroad,	47 90	
W. F. Littlefield, watering trough,	3 00	
W. Senter, repairing of town hall,	1 80	
D. G. Neal, collector's book,	90	
postage,	39	
copy of plan of new road,	50	
telegraphing,	25	
1364 ft. planed boards for new road,	27 28	
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D. G. Neal, time receiving inventories,	\$2 00	
“ “ enrolling militia	2 00	
time to Exeter twice—Shaw case,	3 00	
looking up evidence in Shaw case,	2 00	
time and expense to Concord and Ports- mouth new road,	6 75	
time and expense at sundry times, on new road,	6 50	
time attending November elections,	1 50	
“ equalizing taxes with County Com's	1 00	

Paid all other services as Selectman,	15 00	
	<u>39 75</u>	
D. C. Wiggin, one bottle disinfectant in		
1881,	50	
" " blanks for bonds,	50	
" " stamps and stationery,	25	
" " *goods furnished C. G. Cloud-		
man,	1 75	
	<u>3 00</u>	
D. C. Wiggin, for services as Selectman :		
" " attending inquest,	50	
" " telegraphing,	25	
" " helping poor persons,	1 55	
" " receiving inventory,	1 00	
" " time on new road,	7 00	
" " attending Nov. elections,	1 50	
" " time and expenses to Ex-		
eter—Shaw case,	1 00	
" " all other expenses as Se-		
lectman,	15 00	
	<u>27 80</u>	
S. P. Badger, for services as Selectman,	15 00	
A. J. Neal, note and interest,	1,389 75	
N. G. Howard, one sheep killed by		
dogs,	7 00	
*4ft. wood del'd to C. Cloudman,	2 50	
	<u>9 50</u>	
Frank P. Neal, labor on highway, Dis-		
trict No. 2,	1 80	
" " labor breaking roads, Dis-		
trict No. 2.	5 20	
	<u>7 00</u>	
Swamscott Machine Co., men and horses		
breaking out sidewalks,	\$11 91	
Daniel Lynch, temporary loan and interest,	52 50	
A. Austin, for heating, lightning and taking		
care of town hall,	23 00	

Paid Geo. O. Paul, time and expenses in paying	
State and County taxes,	6 50
other services as Town	
Treasurer,	30 00
	<hr/> 36 50
Paid A. H. Varney, stationery and postage,	1 80
copying charter in 1881 of	
Stratham and Newmarket	
bridge,	3 00
drawing and notifying jurors,	8 00
office rent,	5 00
general services as town	
clerk,	15 00
enrolling militia,	3 00
	<hr/> 35 80
recording and returning	
births and deaths,	8 25
Paid S. Gray, expense and fees in Fitzsimmons' case,	2 75
C. E. Durell, School District, No. 1,	374 39
C. S. Clarke, printing tax bills,	1 75
A. Austin, police service,	8 00
C. S. Clarke, services as collector,	82 52
C. H. Sanborn, note and interest,	100 00
Lucy M. Sanborn,	100 10
W. E. Gilson's note,	861 42
J. M. Paul, note \$300, less overpaid interest,	297 18
Albert Pease, bounty on crows,	90
*H. G. Howard, wood furnished C. Cloudman,	2 50
O. G. Sanborn, lodging boy, runaway,	50
S. E. Williams, Auditor,	3 00
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	\$9162 73
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	94 80
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	\$9,257 53

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN, APRIL 1,
1882.

Real Estate, Personal Property and Polls, \$347,708 00
Rate per \$1000 on all taxes, \$16 50.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

TOWN DEBTS.

Note due C. H. Sanborn,	\$300 00
Less amt. uncollected, C. S. Clarke's list,	7 15
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	94 80
	<hr/> 101 95
Net amt. Town's indebtedness, March 1, 1883,	\$198 05
“ “ “ “ 1882,	3,522 73
Reduction of debt since March 1, 1882,	3,324 68
	<hr/> \$198 05

*Paid by the County.

DANIEL G. NEAL,	} Selectmen of South Newmarket.
SAMUEL P. BADGER	
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1883.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Another year of school work requires of your committee another Annual Report.

Common schools are the people's colleges. Bright boys and girls are graduating continually from them for the home, the shop, the counter and the farm. Our town schools should furnish the best possible conditions for obtaining an education, whether the pupils come from cottage or palace. We endeavor to make them thus practically beneficial; and we measurably succeed. Every pupil in our schools may become wise and good if he will. The road to usefulness, honor and happiness is alike free to the meritorious from every class in society. Private schools, academies and seminaries are for those who can afford the expense. They cannot fill the place of the public school; they can never compensate for its wholesome, uplifting rivalries. On this arena many pupils who can do but little with books still contrive to pick up much useful information. Their simple presence every day and six hours a day in this atmosphere of cultured thought and scholarly ambition does more to promote mental culture than the private tutelage of the most popular teacher can do.

In the month of April last the Selectmen made return of 160 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years—93 boys and 67 girls. The whole number of different scholars enrolled upon our school registers four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, is 167—boys 88, girls 79. Number of scholars under six years of age, 15; over sixteen, 2; between six and sixteen, 151. The largest number of scholars in any school is 65, and the smallest number is 12. The average daily attendance has been 116. Pupils not absent or tardy during the year, 2;

during one or more terms, 41. Some others have come well up to this standard of excellence. We have several pupils who are attending school in other places. Probably no children who are physically able to do so, are to be reported as not attending any school. Some pupils are too easily turned aside from school pursuits for a time, by the prospect of earning money in the berry-field, hay-field, or shop. Irregular attendance, truancy and insubordination are generally needless and always injurious. Misdemeanors of the schoolroom and yard should be corrected, absentees should be looked after, truants should be restored. Reform in these respects must always be insisted on. Here parents have more responsibility than any other parties. The teacher's authority has been so much limited by popular sentiment of late years that there is little danger of its becoming excessive. A convenient name to conjure by is that of the truant officer. Generally his functions will be merely nominal. In some cases, however, it may be expedient to refer to him.

We have two legally organized school districts in town. In each of them school privileges have been enjoyed, with no interruption by sickness. A rigid system of gradation is not enforced. Our four schools may be conveniently classified as Primary, Intermediate, Grammar and one of Mixed Grade. No text-book has been struck from the list authorized by the committee. Additional interest has been created by the introduction of "The Child's History of the United States," by Charles A. Goodrich, as supplementary reading for the smaller classes. An advanced class has been formed in "A Treatise of Physiology and Hygiene," by Joseph C. Hutchinson. Pupils have also had the opportunity to purchase Noah Webster's High School and Academic Dictionaries at reduced prices. The number of different scholars in town studying reading is 167; spelling, 167; penmanship, 167; arithmetic, 167; geography, 96; grammar, 77; physiology, 15; history, 9; algebra, 5. Perhaps

all in the Primary school may be said to attend to singing and drawing.

Our school revenue consists of \$758.33 raised as required by State law, an additional appropriation of \$500, and \$74.06 income from the Literary Fund. Total revenue \$1,332.39. The largest sum appropriated to any district is \$1,144.39; and the smallest sum is \$188. The length of the longest school has been 31 weeks, and the shortest, 22; average, 29 weeks. One male teacher has been employed who has taught 22 weeks at the average wages of \$34 per month, including board. Four female teachers have taught 93 weeks at an average cost of \$41.50 per month. The expense for each enrolled scholar has been \$8.26. The rate per cent. of the school tax upon the invoiced valuation of the town is .0036.

Our three schoolhouses and four school rooms are pleasantly situated, in good repair and well fitted for their purpose. Their estimated value is about \$4,000, with apparatus to the value of \$60 additional. Each room is furnished with an average of 110 square feet of blackboard; one room has a globe, two have tablets and charts, three have dictionaries; all have clocks and the remnants of wall maps. A small expenditure each year for such minor appliances is money well spent. It is a penny-wisdom to withhold the reasonable expense. We need more school money. Our appropriation should be generous not extravagant. The prudential committee get less by \$243 than five years ago. Consequently they are unable to furnish as much schooling by two weeks in the year as formerly. This comes about, in consequence of our reduced valuation. Our public tax is lessened and with it the amount of school money we raise. The sum of about \$250 more than we now raise would give us again the money and the schooling of 1876.

The teachers employed the past year were Mr. A. W. Richards, and Misses Melissa J. Young, Martha W. Haley, C. Florence Hayes and Harriet E. Sanborn. All are too

well-known in town and vicinity as able, experienced and successful instructors to need any eulogy from your committee. Emulative of success they have proved themselves capable, enthusiastic and stimulative in the several schools. My task has been to cheer them on in their own well chosen methods rather than interfere with counter suggestions of my own. The true teacher is necessarily neither he who carries most facts in his head, nor he who excels in physical discipline. Something more is required than book and ferule—something beyond all scholarship and all military precision. The great work begins when the office of birch and book ends. The heart rather than head or hand is the leader and prompter. No amount of drills or learning avails without this. Mind grows as the body does by inward assimilation, not by outward addition. Immature youth must be disciplined by principle, not by dynamite. Young America refuses to be driven by mechanism, he moves by magnetism. True teaching is one of the magical arts. It requires special aptness, in tact, inspiration, genius. It is for the most part a refining, spiritualizing influence—mind quickening mind, spirit fashioning spirit, life moulding life, character building up character. Its outcome is traced in awakened thought, strengthened intellect, disciplined conscience, the fixed destiny.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee ;—CHARLES E. DURELL.

Three schools. Money appropriated to the district \$1,144.39. Length of schools 31 weeks, two terms of 10 weeks each and one term of 11 weeks. Whole number of scholars 151 ; boys 80, girls 71. Pupils under six years of age, 13 ; over sixteen, 2 ; between six and sixteen, 136.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers :—MELISSA J. YOUNG, MARTHA W. HALEY. Wages per month, first term \$52.00 ; second and third terms \$56. Number of pupils first term 37, average 34 ; second term 28,

average 26 ; third term 28, average 28. Percentage of daily attendance first term, 88 ; second term, 81 ; third term, 89. Visits by Superintendent 9 ; by Prudential Committee 3 ; by parents and friends, not including the closing examinations, 25. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, George L. Chase, Nellie Pease ; second term, Nellie Pease ; third term, George L. Chase, Charles O. Judkins, Maggie E. Kelly, Nellie O'Connor, M. Etta Pease.

Again this school has enjoyed for the greater part of the year, the assiduous effective and successful labors of Miss Haley. The discipline has combined in due proportion the requisite intelligence, sensibility and force. Its work has been dispatched with seeming ease and without undue anxiety or fret. Nor did it suffer materially through the ill health of the teacher.

When to the deep regret of all, the intermission occurred, the school was exceedingly fortunate in securing a substitute so experienced, devoted and efficient as Miss Young proved herself to be. She obtained at once complete command of the situation and retained it to the end.

No break occurred in the method of instruction or government. All have abundant reason to remember Miss Young with gratitude and respect. She was an acquisition to our corps of teachers.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher :—C. FLORENCE HAYES.—Wages per month \$35. Number of pupils first term, 41, average 29 ; second term, 32, average 32 ; third term, 38, average 38. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 90 ; second term, 88, third term, 87. Visits by Superintendent, 7 ; by Prudential Committee, 3 ; by parents and friends, not including the closing examination, 11. Pupils present every half day, first term, John Lynch, Frank Hayden, Edith Paul, Minnie Kendall, Eugene Jenness, Fred Littlefield ; second term, Lynda Ewin ; third term, Fred Littlefield, George Sanborn, Rufus Pease, Harry Chase, Frank Hayden, Wilber Littlefield, Edith Paul.

This school has maintained its reputation for good order, studiousness and steady advancement. Each class and every scholar seems to take a genuine interest in the legitimate work of the school room. Diligence, glow and enthusiasm characterize teacher and scholars. Miss Hayes has never labored with more zeal and earnestness, or with more emphatic success.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher:—HARRIET E. SANBORN. Wages per month, \$35. Number of pupils, first term, 52, average 51; second term, 58, average, 55; third term, 51, average 48. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 86; second term, 87; third term, 89. Visits by Superintendent, 7; by Prudential Committee, 3; by parents and friends, not including the closing examination, 38. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, George E. Andrews, Jerry Donovan, Willie C. Hanson, Herman Neal, Walter Smart, Nellie Foley, Mary W. O'Brien; second term, Charles Pillsbury, John Cassily, Mary Kelly, Sadie J. Law, Mary W. O'Brien; third term, George E. Andrews, Willie C. Hanson, Charles M. Kelly, Joseph Kelly, Lizzie Hogan, Annie L. Judkins, Hannah Kelly, Sadie J. Law, Lillie Marden, Mary W. O'Brien, Inez M. Pease.

This is always a pleasant school to look in upon. Plato is said to have comprehended education under the two heads of gymnastics for the body and music for the mind, both combined leading to health and virtue. Here we have both method and result. Calisthenics and singing are favorite exercises and practised daily. Faces a-glow, voices a-tune, feet a-step, blood a-brisk, with martial accompaniments, we have the air and grace of a fairy march. Routine is voted a bore, and dullness intolerable. Miss Sanborn and her sprightly charge are to be congratulated upon the busy, profitable and happy terms which they spend together.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Prudential Committee, A. W. RICHARDS.

Money appropriated to the district, \$188.00. Length of school 22 weeks—one term of 9 weeks and one of 13 weeks. Number of scholars first term 12, average 12; second term 22, average 19. Pupils between five and fifteen years of age, 15; under six, 2; between six and sixteen, 13. Percentage of daily attendance first term, 93; second term, 92.

Teacher:—A. W. RICHARDS. Wages per month, including board, first term, \$30; second term, \$38. Visits by Superintendent 4; by parents and friends, 30.

The few scholars in this district came under the closest personal attention of the teacher who has long known their special needs and specific course of study. He had the best possible opportunity to make thorough individual training compensate for the discipline found only with larger classes. No one can have gone through the year, or either term of the year, without improvement. Under excellent discipline, and painstaking, methodical instruction, the pupils could not fail to make decided progress. Their deportment was marked perfect. Classes in reading, geography and grammar showed to advantage. Ernest E. Richards was present without being tardy, every half-day of the school year, and Eddie E. Richards every half day of the second term.

It is pleasant thus to report our schools as prosperous, and likely to sustain their good name in the future. They are all we should expect if not all we could wish. Much has been done to make bright and intelligent scholars; something has been achieved in developing truthful, generous and faithful young men and women. The coming time cares more for the boys and girls of to-day than for us, their seniors, the grown-up people, for educated youth are the hope of the community and the country. Thanking the town for its confidence, the parents for their co-operation, the teachers for their fidelity, and the pupils for their interest, with the wish that I could have served you better, I submit this, my second annual report. J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, Feb. 26, 1883.

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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,

H. JENNESS PAUL.

TOWN CLERK,

ALBERT H. VARNEY.

SELECTMEN,

DANIEL G. NEAL,
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,
SAMUEL P. BADGER.

TREASURER,

GEORGE O. PAUL.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JAMES H. FITTS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

CHARLES S. CLARK.

AUDITOR,

SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AN BIENNIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1882.

SUPERVISORS,

H. JENNESS PAUL,
DANIEL W. LYNCH,
CHARLES S. CLARK.

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT,

DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the town of South
1883. Newmarket. Dr.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1883, \$94 80

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$378 43	
Savings bank tax,	450 26	
Literary fund,	85 17	
	<hr/>	\$913 86
sale of lumber left of bridge,	26 00	
amount of C. H. Sanborn's note,	400 00	
amount from County of Rockingham,	185 31	
amount from school district No. 1, half insurance on town hall building,	21 88	
amount from town of Strat- ham, for the care of G. O. Wiggin,	105 40	
amount of income of town hall,	40 00	
amount of tax list committed to C. S. Clarke for collec- tion, including dog tax, 1883,	4,592 27	
amount of balance of C. S. Clarke's list of 1882,	7 15	
	<hr/>	\$6,386 67
Less abatements, 1882, \$6 60		
“ 1883, 54 50		
Discounts,	168 93	
	<hr/>	230 03
	<hr/>	\$6,156 64

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1883.

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Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

March 5,	Paid J. E. Spead, printing town accounts,	\$17 00
	*A. Field, goods delivered to C.	
	Cloudman,	4 85
	*J. T. Smart, goods delivered to	
	C. Cloudman,	3 48
10,	G. W. Pollard, bounty on crows,	20
	J. N. Clarke, J. B. Martin, note	
	and interest,	163 32
	County of Rockingham, F.	
	French's board,	218 25
May 11,	*Kate Fittsgerald, nursing Mrs.	
	Cloudman,	5 75
	*Mrs. S. Gray, nursing Mrs.	
	Cloudman,	10 00
June 6,	Committee on decoration,	24 70
	Thompson & Batchelder, town	
	officers' and Collector's book,	3 65
11,	S. S. Manning, building wall	
	against land of J. W. Kuse,	30 00
19,	*H. T. Taplin, care of Maggie	
	Williams,	7 00
26,	A. W. Richards, School District	
	No. 2,	100 00
29,	W. H. Conner, School District	
	No. 1,	400 00
July 12,	J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on	
	hearse house,	3 75
	*Adaline Neal,	33 00
	F. P. Neal, Highway District	
	No. 2,	80 00
20,	Adaline Neal, board of Eben	
	Wilson,	9 00

July	20,	Paid *A. H. Varney, medical attendance and medicine for Mrs. Cloudman and Maggie Williams,	33 00
	26,	S. Horne, especial police service,	2 00
Aug.	1,	County tax,	1,089 26
	14,	C. E. Smith, Highway District No. 3,	35 06
Oct.	11,	Adaline Neal, board of Eben Wilson,	13 00
	13,	C. E. Smith, Highway District No. 3,	50 00
Nov.	10,	State tax,	864 00
	23,	W. H. Conner, School District No. 1,	500 00
		Thompson & Batchelder, order book,	75
	24,	A. W. Richards, School District No. 2,	120 00
	29,	C. E. Smith, Highway District No. 3,	34 25
Dec.	27,	J. A. Spead, printing and delivering orders of notices of new street,	17 10
1884.			
Jan.	2,	W. H. Conner, Highway District No. 1,	300 00
	7,	J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on town hall building,	43 75
		*Annie E. Willes, board of Eben Wilson,	13 00
		*Annie E. Willes, on account of Adaline Neal,	32 00
		T. B. Robinson, surveying new street,	4 00

Jan. 7,	Paid A. G. Whitcomb, settees and chairs for town hall, and freight on same,	39 22
12,	*L. C. Reynolds, digging grave, A. Neal,	2 00
	*C. N. Colbath, coffin and robe,	18 00
23,	A. H. Varney, medicine and attendance, for Adaline Neal and G. O. Wiggin,	24 00
28,	*E. A. Hanson, care of Adaline Neal,	10 00
Feb. 5,	F. M. Pillsbury, care of G. O. Wiggin, \$33 50	
	F. M. Pillsbury, police service,	2 00
		<hr/>
		35 50
11,	H. Clough, care and expense G. O. Wiggin case,	35 60
	Geo. P. Hanson, G. O. Wiggin case,	7 00
23,	C. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	15 00
25,	W. C. Conner, school district No. 1,	421 17
	D. G. Neal, witness fees in Shaw case,	28 77
	Wm. Neal, G. O. Wiggin case,	5 40
	E. C. Eastman, record books,	12 05
	W. F. Littlefield, watering trough,	3 00
	C. E. Smith, highway district No. 3,	10 90
26,	Emily J. Neal, taxes paid back on bank for the years 1881, '82 and '83, stock not taxable here,	23 00
	F. P. Neal, highway district No. 2,	25 00

Feb. 26, Paid	A. H. Varney, services as Town Clerk,	46 42
	C. S. Clarke, tax bills,	1 75
	W. H. Conner, highway district No. 1,	118 02
	W. G. Perry, recording births and deaths,	1 25
	*J. E. Elkins, medical attendance on Adaline Neal,	12 00
	J. W. Smart, lumber for new road,	6 00
	G. P. Hanson, hearse for Mrs. Neal and carting settees,	4 00
28,	C. S. Clarke, collecting taxes,	65 53
	S. P. BADGER, SELECTMAN.	

Feb. 28, Paid	distributing inventory blanks,	\$3 00
	Time and expense, Shaw case,	1 50
	Telephones, Shaw case,	50
	G. O. Wiggin case,	3 00
	Receiving inventories,	2 00
	Other expenses as Selectman,	15.00
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		\$25 00

D. C. WIGGIN, SELECTMAN.

Feb. 28, Paid	stationery,	15
	Helping poor person,	35
	Time to Exeter, Shaw case,	1 50
	Time to Exeter, toll bridge case,	1 50
	*Railroad tickets for Maggie Williams,	1 85
	Telephones,	60

Feb. 28, Paid	Time to Portsmouth to see		
	Commissioner,	2	00
	Railroad tickets for Jones		
	children,	3	70
	To Exeter, Shaw case,	1	50
	To Portsmouth, “	3	00
	Time and expense, Shaw		
	case,	1	50
	One set coffin stools,	4	75
	One table for town hall,	2	50
	Stamps,		06
	*Goods furnished Mrs.		
	Conner Neal,	1	10
	Time and expense to Exe-		
	ter to settle with county,	2	50
	Express on record books,		50
	Time to Exeter to settle		
	Marston & Eastman's		
	bill,		75
	Time and expense laying		
	out new street,	11	75
	Stamps and stationery,		25
	All other services as Se-		
	lectman,	15	00
			\$56 81

DANIEL G. NEAL, SELECTMEN.

1884.

Feb. 28, Paid	Enroling militia,	\$2	00
	Receiving inventories,	2	00
	Summoning witnesses, Shaw		
	case,	1	50
	Summoning witnesses, Shaw		
	case,	2	50
	To Portsmouth, Shaw case,	3	00
	“ “ “	3	00
	“ “ “	4	00

Feb. 28, Paid attending hearing, new street,	1 50	
To Newmarket, for Surveyor, new street,	1 50	
All other services as Selectmen,	15 00	
	<u> </u>	\$36 00
GEO. O. PAUL, TREASURER.		
Feb. 28, Paid To Newmarket to pay County tax,	\$1 50	
Stationery,	50	
Services as Treasurer,	30 00	
	<u> </u>	\$32 00
Feb. 28, Paid H. Clough, police services,	8 00	
A. Austin, G. O. Wiggins case,	5 00	
A. Austin, police services,	6 00	
A. Austin, wood, lights and glass, and care of town hall,	21 00	
Jos. Smith, care of Jones' children,	102 08	
Mrs. A. E. Wiggins, for boarding Geo. O. Wiggins,	15 00	
J. C. Giddings, in case of Geo. O. Wiggins,	5 00	
29, J. H. Fitts, services as School Committee,	25 00	
Marston & Eastman, B. & M. railroad and Shaw cases,	300 00	
S. E. Williams, auditing town accounts,	3 00	
	<u> </u>	\$5,875 53
Balance in hands of Treasurer,		281 11
		<u> </u>
		\$6,156 64

ABATEMENTS ON LIST 1883.

Dan'l. Broderick, poll,	\$1 25
Jas. Broderick, "	1 25
J. F. Brown, "	1 25
Mr. Busnrhan "	1 25
E. Cassidy, dog,	1 00
John Casey, poll,	1 25
John Donerlson, poll,	1 25
Clifford S. Dixon, horse and poll,	2 00
John Fagan, poll,	1 25
James Field, "	1 25
Jacob Hersey, dog,	1 00
Chas. F. Ham, "	1 00
Chas. W. Howard, poll,	1 25
Thomas Hogan, dog,	3 00
W. H. Hersey, poll,	1 25
Geo. P. Kimball, poll,	1 25
Ed. Kelley, "	1 25
Chas. Leavitt, dog,	1 00
J. H. Lambert, poll,	1 25
Wm. Lane, "	1 25
Alvin Miles, dog,	1 00
Phalen Murphy, poll,	1 25
Val. Murphy, "	1 25
Fred. Murphy, "	1 25
John Murphy, dog,	2 00
Luke Parnell, poll,	1 25
W. Sowards, "	1 25
Chas. Senter, "	1 25
Fred. Scadding, poll,	1 25
S. P. Teeri, "	1 25
Herbert L. Wiggin, poll,	1 25
Sam'l Merrill, real estate,	1 25
Concord railroad, wood,	8 75
J. McGleney, poll,	1 25
S. A. Wormsted, poll,	1 25
Col. Upton, poll,	1 25

 \$54 50

VALUATION OF PROPERTY IN TOWN, APRIL 1,
1883.

Real Estate, Personal Property and Polls, \$362,388 00
Rate per \$1000, \$12.50.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Notes due C. H. Sanborn,	\$700 00
Less cash in hands of Treasurer March 1st, 1884,	281 11
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Net amt. town's indebtedness, March 1, 1884,	\$418 89

*Paid by the county.

DANIEL G. NEAL,	} Selectmen of South Newmarket.
SAMUEL P. BADGER,	
DANIEL C. WIGGIN,	

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and payments properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

So. Newmarket, Feb. 29, 1884.

SCHOOL REPORT.

State law and established usage require an annual School Report. The statute enjoins a statement in detail of the condition of the several schools in town.

Our school money consists of \$756.00 raised by state law, an additional appropriation of \$700.00, and \$85.17 income from the Literary Fund. Total revenue \$1,541.17. The largest sum appropriated to any district is \$1,321.17; and the smallest sum is \$220.00. This is more than the school money of the previous year by \$208.78, and the schools have been lengthened thereby. The average length of the schools in town, has been 32 1-4 weeks; last year, 28 3-4 weeks. The length of the longest school has been 34 weeks; last year 31 weeks. The length of the shortest school, has been 28 weeks; last year 22 weeks. Two male teachers have taught 62 weeks at the average wages of \$50.-00 per month, including board. Three female teachers have taught 67 weeks at an average cost of \$35.17 per month. The expense for each enrolled scholar has been \$8.38. The ratio per cent. of the school tax upon the invoiced valuation of the town is .004.

The Selectmen return, 164 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years—91 boys and 73 girls. The whole number of different scholars enrolled upon our school register, four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, is 174—boys 89, girls 85. Number of scholars under six years of age 16; over sixteen 3; between six and sixteen 155. The largest number of scholars in any school is 75, and the smallest number is 20. The average daily attendance has been 116, pupils not absent or tardy during the year 2; during one or more terms 49. We have several pupils who are attending schools in other places. Two children between five and fifteen years of age are re-

ported as not attending any school. The number of different scholars in town, studying reading is 174; spelling 174; penmanship 140; arithmetic 140; geography 90; grammar 60; history 61; composition 32; physiology 6; book keeping 8; algebra 9; geometry 2; astronomy 5. Perhaps all in the Intermediate and Primary schools may be said to attend to singing.

The use of the same text-book by many successive classes, at length becomes wearisome, and fails to afford proper stimulus to studious thought. The monotony should be relieved. The readers, which have done us good service so long, were exchanged, April 18, 1883, for Lippincott's Popular Series of Readers. No little advantage was hoped for, from the reading of fresh pieces, not already in great part, committed to memory. The good wrought by the change is already distinctly manifest. The use of Manson's economic spelling blanks was commenced April 23, 1883. The treatise on book-keeping by A. B. Meservey was adopted Dec. 30, 1883, as supplying the need of some of our more advanced pupils. An amendment to the school-laws, which takes effect March 1, 1884, provides that "teachers shall be examined in physiology and hygiene, with special reference to the effects of alcoholic drinks and narcotics upon the human system." Probably our present excellent text-book on physiology will meet sufficiently well the requirement of this amendment.

May-day was properly celebrated by all the schools in town. Through the kindness of the Prudential Committee the teachers and scholars were taken to the fields and woods to enjoy a pleasant holiday. Beyond treasures in hand of plant, mineral and animal, there were gathered richer treasures in body and mind to both old and young. Such occasions, in which riper years participate in the frolicsome gaieties of childhood might well be repeated. All would be gainers thereby.

In the ordering of an all-wise providence we have sadly

learned the lesson of the mortality of even the young. On Sept. 8, 1883, a few days previous to her thirteenth birthday, Mabel A. Sanborn fell asleep in the embrace of death. She loved her school, and had greatly endeared herself to her school-mates as well as to her relatives.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, WILLIAM H. CONNER.

Three schools. Money appropriated to the district \$1,321.17. Length of schools, grammar grade, 34 weeks; intermediate grade, 34 weeks; primary grade, 33 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 146. Boys 73, girls 73. Pupils under six years of age 15; over sixteen 2; between six and sixteen 129. Average daily attendance 112. Percentage of daily attendance 90.

The year brought with it an entire change in the prudential committee and teachers of the district. We are not sure that we take kindly to such sweeping measures. They have their perils as well as their advantages. President Lincoln quaintly pointed out these risks in his ludicrous story of swapping horses while crossing the stream. We certainly do not like to part with old and tried friends. Our noble system of common schools is not an institution to be experimented upon. The alteration, however, occasioned a little friction, as could well be expected. Our fears proved groundless. The evils certainly have been fewer than was expected, while, perhaps, the advantages have equalled the hopes of the most sanguine. New persons and changed methods have their use. Changes not absolutely for the better may yet be in some features relatively better. The several teachers presented satisfactory testimonials of scholarship and moral character, and received certificates of qualification as the law requires. Any report of the district were incomplete if it passed over in silence the mutual good will that has sprung up between committee, parents, teachers and scholars. These kindly elements of success richly merit the praise of all friends of education.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher, GEORGE W. LIBBEY.

Wages per month, \$60.00. Number of pupils first term, 44; average, 42; second term, 36; average, 35; third term, 34; average, 33. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 94; second term, 94; third term, 95. Visits by Superintendent, 9; by prudential committee, 3; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term, 33; second term, 44; third term, 52. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred Littlefield, Maud L. Pillsbury, John W. Coe, Edith B. Paul, Nellie W. Pease; second term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred Littlefield, Carl Taylor, Charles O. Judkins, Nellie E. Connor, Mamie A. Connor, George L. Chase, Nellie W. Pease; third term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred Littlefield, Willie Clough, James Hill, Dana R. Paul, Charles O. Judkins, Carl Taylor, Rufus W. Pease, Nellie E. Connor, Mamie A. Connor, John W. Coe, Maud L. Pillsbury. Prizes offered by the teacher for improvement in penmanship, were awarded, June 29, 1883 to Ralph E. Conner and Mamie A. Connor. At the close of the year, February 22, 1884, prizes were presented to Dana B. Paul for excellence in book-keeping; to Nellie J. Marden and Martin B. Quinn for improvement in penmanship, and to Ralph E. Conner and G. Fred Littlefield for being present every day of the school year. Other scholars showed great proficiency in penmanship and accounts.

A live teacher insures a wide-awake and progressive school. The enthusiastic and scholarly efficiency of the instruction—in many instances independent of and superior to the text-book—gave an extent, variety and completeness of recitation which was truly astonishing. The school appeared nobly in its business habits and plain manners, full of sense and shrewdness. The scholars were ambitious to perform any reasonable task with ready cheerfulness. There was about the usual amount of blundering, but accompanied

with much prompt and accurate recitation. Independent and thorough mastery of the matter in hand were gratifying characteristics of teacher and pupils. The rhetorical exercises connected with the closing examinations were very highly appreciated by the numerous visitors. Mr. Libbey remarks "during the three terms that we have had charge of the school, the scholars have been obedient, and have ever manifested great interest in their studies, desiring to lay a foundation for future usefulness in the world. We can only ask those who have witnessed the school room work, to judge how far we have been successful in promoting the advancement of the pupils in their studies."

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher, ABBIE M. CUSHING.

Wages per month, \$35.00. Number of pupils first term, 27; average 26; second term, 43; average, 42; third term, 42; average 40. Percentage of daily attendance, first term, 92; second term, 93*; third term, 90. Visits by Superintendent, 7; by Prudential Committee, 2; by parents and friends including closing examinations, first term, 14; second term, 14; third term, 58. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Kate O'Brien, Minnie A. Barnes, Hannah Kelley, Levi A. Pollard; second term, Annie Judkins, Cora Hayden, Carrie P. Beal, Fannie C. Marden, Hattie Tetherly; third term, Annie Judkins, Willie C. Hanson, Frank Hayden, Wilbur Littlefield.

One rarely meets a more quiet, orderly and well-disposed company than was gathered in this schoolroom. Under a tuition gentle, careful and vigilant, everything has moved forward smoothly and happily. The teacher, herself apt to teach, mildly persuasive in demeanor, never falling into ex-

*NOTE.—This per cent. for the second term is a little too high, as sixteen pupils who were promoted from the primary school at the middle of the term have been counted in both schools.

tremes but ever judicious in all her demands, has secured willing pupils who know no other wish than implicit obedience to every request. They have learned to enjoy the tuition and drill that are taking them on the way of study and scholarship. Whenever visited, the school appeared respectful, orderly, studious and happy. From first to last it gave abundant reason for satisfaction. There was no dash or display, but a steady effort to accomplish, day by day, the true mission of a good school. Its appearance admits of no remarks but those of commendation. The devotion of Miss Cushing to the good of her pupils was unwearied. She gave herself wholly and faithfully to her school. Head, heart and hand were in the work. Such pains-taking devotion and faithfulness deserve a thankful acknowledgment. A high meed of praise is gladly awarded by all in the district. The interest seemed to culminate with the closing examination when the press of visitors compelled an adjournment to the larger room of the grammar school. At the close of the exercises, Hattie G. Simpson stepped forward, and in behalf of her schoolmates, presented the teacher a fitting token of their affection and esteem.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teachers, HARRIET E. SANBORN, IDA ALICE VARNEY.

Wages per month first term, \$36.00; second and third terms \$35.00. Number of pupils for the year 75; first term 68, average 62; second term 64, average 62; third term 38, average 32. Percentage of daily attendance, first term 86; second term 87; third term 75. Visits by Superintendent, 10; by Prudential Committee, 1; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term 23; second term 44; third term 33. Pupils present every half-day without being tardy, first term, Annie C. Foley, Nellie Foley, Annie C. Jones, Maggie Kelley, Mary Kelley, Sarah J. Law, Ines M. Pease, Frank Jones; second term, Katie Swett, Della Marden; Herman Neal, Charlie Neal, Mary Kelley; third term, Ines M. Pease, Herman Neal, Charlie Neal.

Miss Sanborn took this school through its first term with her complete success of former years. The highest commendation we can bestow upon this teacher is to say that she has been as faithful, efficient and successful as ever. Her brother, the Rev. J. W. Sanborn, gave the school an instructive lesson with the microscope on the afternoon of June 28, 1883. The retirement of Miss Sanborn on account of ill-health, was felt by all to be a great misfortune. We yielded to the necessity with a regret which was universal. With the opening of the second term, Miss Varney entered the school as substitute for Miss Sanborn. It is no easy task to take charge of sixty or seventy primary scholars and give them all the right training. Parents do not always succeed with only three or four children. It is no marvel that perfection does not always rule in the school-room. This was Miss Varney's first attempt at teaching. It was a hard place to put one with no practical experience in the work. After getting her charge fairly in hand, she proved herself adequate to the work, and competent to meet all the demands of the position. There was a gradual increase in efficiency from the first. She speedily demonstrated that youth and inexperience are neither crimes nor failures. Her success established the fact the product of our home soil may equal if not exceed foreign importations. We are all acquainted with Miss Varney's personal accomplishments and literary attainments. She has merited much as one of our scholars, and we gladly welcome her as an acquisition to our *corps* of teachers.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, A. W. RICHARDS.

Money appropriated to the district \$220.00. Length of school 28 weeks—one term of 11, and a second term of 17 weeks. Whole number of scholars 28—boys 16, girls 12. Pupils under six years of age 1; over sixteen 1; between six and sixteen 26. Average daily attendance 21. Per-

centage of daily attendance 93. Children in the district not attending any school, 2.

Teacher, A. W. RICHARDS.

Wages per month \$35.00. Number of scholars first term 24, average 20; second term 24, average 23. Percentage of daily attendance, first term 98; second term 97. Visits by Superintendent, 6; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term 20; second term 36. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards, Belle A. Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson, Sarah R. Richards, Lizzie H. Richards, Georgia A. Davis; second term Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Belle A. Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson, Sadie R. Richards, Lizzie H. Richards, Alice B. Kuse, Fred. S. Foss.

Again the district has enjoyed the faithful labors of Mr. Richards. Certainly he, if any one, must be interested in the welfare of the school, having five children among its pupils. It is sufficient to say that he lost nothing of the good reputation he has achieved by long and varied experience in teaching. No one is more at home in the school-room. He never labored with more zeal, tact and ability, or with more complete success. Abating no jot of industry or enthusiasm, he has moved the whole school onward in the road to a high degree of proficiency. It now stands above the average of past terms in number of pupils, efficiency of instruction and attainment in scholarship. The school is one of mixed grade and none the worse for that. Here are pupils ranging in their studies from the spelling-book to the intricacies of book-keeping and algebra. Every scholar, so far as we can discover, takes a genuine interest in the pursuits of the school-room. We have not found individual pupils more interesting and scholarly than in this district. We cannot speak too highly of the teacher's familiarity with the branches taught, and the thoroughness of his instruction, or of the order of the school and interest

of the scholars in their studies. The closing examination exhibited very much that was praiseworthy. Committee, parents and friends highly gratified.

SCHOOL HINTS.

We are not infallible. We cannot claim to have pointed out all the merits of the several schools, nor to have done ample justice to each teacher and scholar. We have taken it for granted that each school deserves much more credit than we have room to mention. We think it better to speak by way of commendation, and so to intimate what is censurable, rather than to fall into the habit of open blame which seldom helps reform, whether of individuals or of communities. We have been cautious in blame, feeling that approval is more pleasant than even implied rebuke, and vastly more effective for good. It is rarely that a school year ends with so little to find fault with. No case of flagrant rebellion or of severe discipline has arisen. In all probability our schools never ranked higher in deportment and scholarship than at present. The hearty co-operation of Prudential Committees, the helpful sympathy of parents, the faithfulness, energy and tact of teachers, and the enthusiastic diligence of pupils, deserve the appreciative thanks of the whole community; but they cannot be adequately presented in any report.

The school stands nearest the family of all our institutions; it is, indeed, an extension and image of it. As is the family, such is the school; such the neighborhood, the society, the man. They say the household pieties are fading out from our hearth-sides, and disappearing. If so it will not be long before the infidelity will be repeated in our schools, our institutions, our churches, our men. A good thought in regard to this whole theme of education lies in the one word co-operation. Joint instrumentality is essential to highest success. Our children must be educated together. Private tuition is but partial instruction. If we cannot unite in church polity or on political questions, still let nothing

separate us in school matters. If the tendencies are to idleness, vagrancy, vulgarity and profanity, let them be unitedly resisted. Let all unite together in exterminating the vices of the street and in training our sons and daughters for virtue, usefulness and happiness. Our sacred shrines of knowledge had better be demolished rather than become the sanctuary of hypocrisy and vice. Henceforth teaching must rank among the learned professions. So unequalled in power and honor is the instructor's vocation that angels from all their glory might stoop to share in the work. It is to mould the might of mind, than which when it speaks out, God's thunder is not more audible.

General virtue and intelligence are essential to the welfare of a free state. Because we venerate the might of the majority, therefore, our endeavor to make the majority ever right. Presidents and Governors must be educated. But our rulers are the people. So, then, must the masses be educated. An educated people will be loyal to constitutional government; an illiterate majority will, in the long run, ruin any Republic. Free schools hold an important place in the American idea. From the first, New England has required a certain amount of instruction, supported by taxation. All citizens are expected to reach a given standard of knowledge. The great majority of our people are to be educated in our common schools. Only about one pupil in a hundred graduates at our High schools, and scarcely one in a thousand at our colleges and higher seminaries. These common schools are among the chief glories of American civilization.

There is a wide-spread feeling that our schools are not doing all they should do for the people. Doubtless, there is some ground for the dissatisfaction. There has been marvellous progress in science and the mechanic arts during the last fifty years. Schools which sufficed for the simpler days of the stage-coach and hand-loom, cannot deal with the complicated problems of an age of steam and electricity. Teachers like Valentine Smith, Warren Gilman and the Misses

Adams, Ewer and Folsom, excellent as they were in their day, would make a ludicrous appearance in our modern school rooms. The average teacher of to-day is plainly the superior of the average teacher of any previous period of our history. But material enterprise has outrun our educational advancement. Neither is it surprising that our schools do not instantly adapt themselves to the changing demands of the times. The spirit of business enterprise now rules the hour. Material invention, thrifty handicraft, speculating traffic, predominate nowadays. Not even the most sagacity can predict what the future may require. Changes for the better are sure to come: we should be getting ready for them. The genius of the coming civilization will not be predominantly material, but rational, intellectual, spiritual. It will demand a wider scholarship and higher proficiency in the science of education. So shall the seething elements in society to-day, be made harmless for evil and stronger for good—vastly more worthy of that varied, richer, broader and nobler civilization of the future into which the accumulations of the present are pouring their treasures.

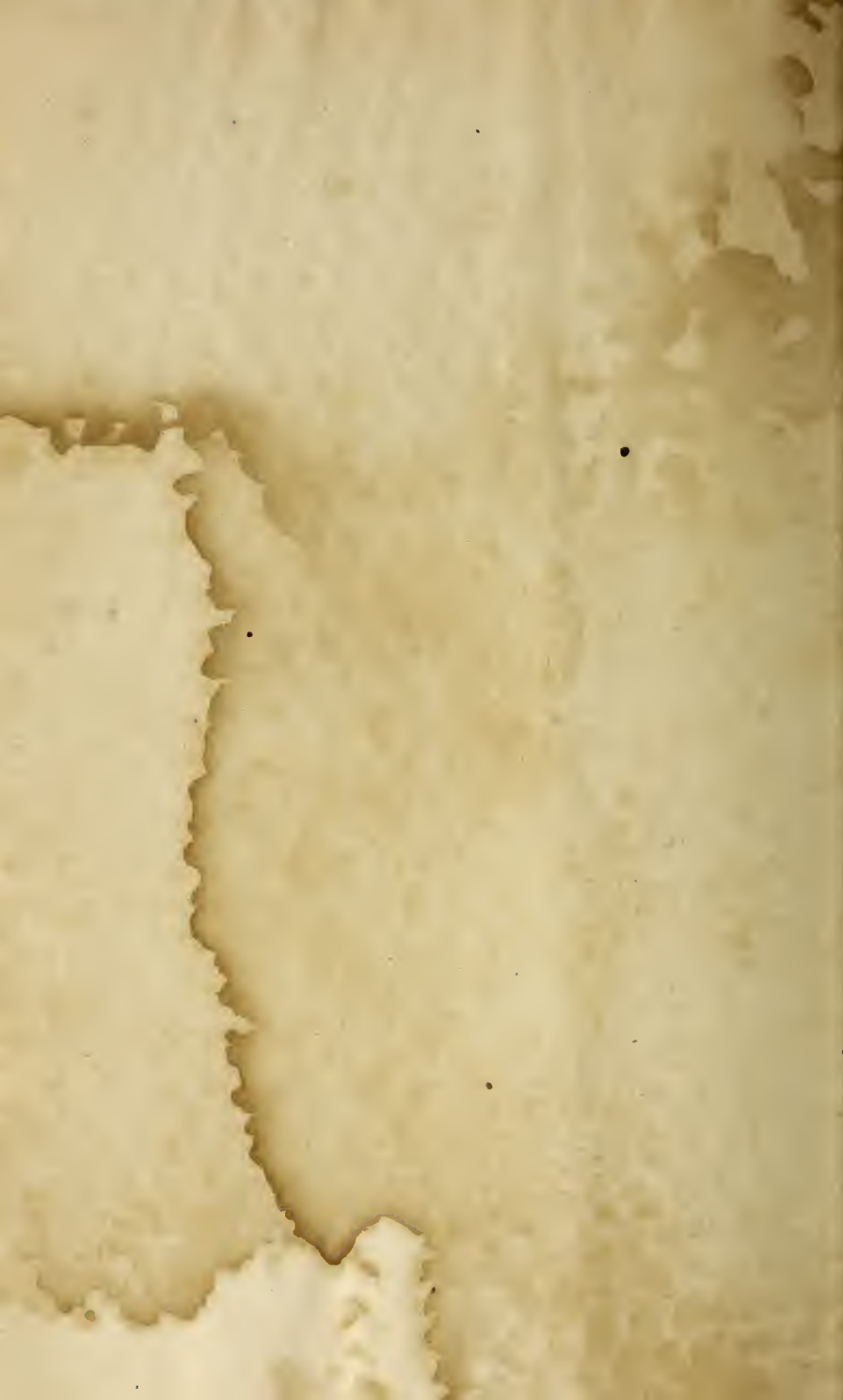
Bear we also away through the years before us, the thought that true education is to fit for the school of eternity—for the manhood of the soul when the tuition of time is ended. May scholars, teachers, parents, committees, be happy learners there.

Courteously presented,

J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, Feb. 29, 1884.



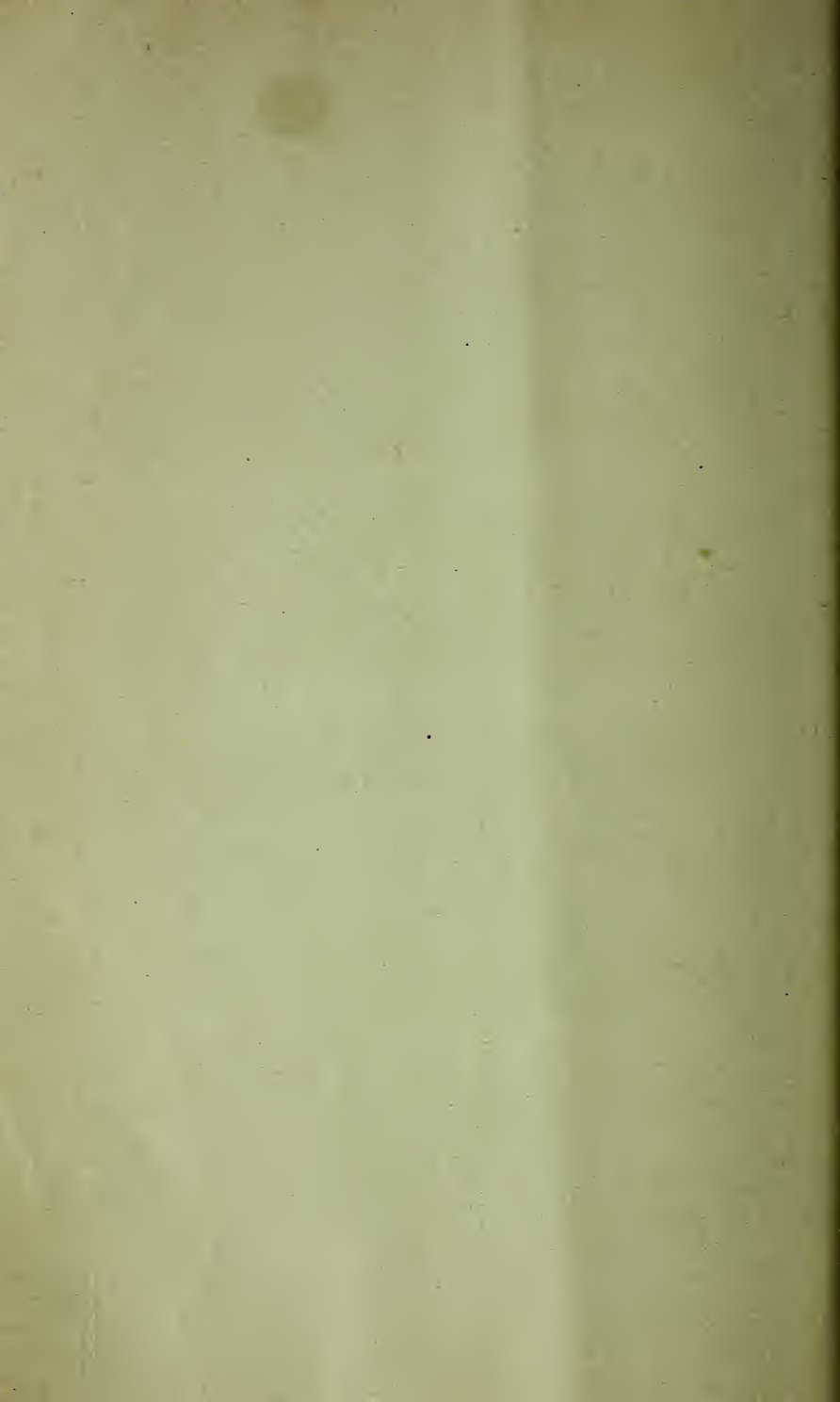






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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,

DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

TOWN CLERK,

H. JENNESS PAUL.

SELECTMEN,

AUSTIN J. NEALE,

JERRY MALCHY,

NATHAN G. HOWARD.

TREASURER,

GEORGE O. PAUL.

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JAMES H. FITTS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

JAMES A. SPEAD.

AUDITOR,

SAMUEL E. WILLIAMS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1884.

MODERATOR,

AMOS PAUL.

SUPERVISORS,

DANIEL W. LYNCH,

CHARLES S. CLARK,

JEREMIAH TOWLE.

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT.

JOHN E. SIMPSON.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the town of South
1884. Newmarket. Dr.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1884,	\$281 11
amount note dated April 24, 1884,	400 00
amount " May 16, "	250 00

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM THE STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$450 13	
Savings bank tax,	543 30	
Literary fund,	97 44	
Bounty on wild animals,	3 50	
	—————	\$1,094 37
half insurance on town hall,		17 50
amount of income from town hall,		24 00
" received from Co. of Rock-		
ingham,		130 00
amount of tax list committed to		
James A. Spead for collection		
including dog tax,	\$4,822 37	
Less discounts,	\$378 55	
Abatements,	57 30	
Uncollected,	55 05	
	—————	490 90
	—————	4,331 47
		—————
		\$6,528 45

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1884.

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Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

*March 10,	paid Annie E. Willis, for board of	
	Eben Wilson,	\$13 00
	A. L. Mellows, for new street,	5 00
	G. D. W. Robinson, for water-	
	ing trough,	3 00
	D. C. Wiggin,	1 75
	County of Rockingham, board	
	of Frank French,	78 00
April 1,	W. E. Conner, breaking roads	
	in Dist. No. 1,	35 20
	Wm. B. Morrill, printing town	
	accounts,	22 00
	Thompson & Batchelder, ac-	
	count books,	2 52
26,	Ellen A. Fowler, land damages	
	new street,	10 00
28,	Geo. O. Locke, land damage,	
	new street,	10 00
	Estate of Simeon Locke, land	
	damage, new street,	10 00
	Geo. O. Locke, Executor, land	
	damage, new street,	125 00
	Abby W. Cummings, land dam-	
	age,	30 00
May 5,	C. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	18 00
12,	Sarah A. Locke, land damage,	
	new street,	10 00
15,	Martha A. Furnald, land dam-	
	age, new street,	10 00
24,	D. C. Langlands, highway Dist.	
	No. 1,	225 00
26,	Chas. E. Smith, highway Dist.	
	No. 3,	52 50

May 31,	paid Boston & Maine R. R., freight on drain pipe,	4 20
*June 4,	Ruth R. Lord, board of Eben Wilson,	13 50
	J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on hearse house,	3 75
14,	S. P. Badger, memorial deco- ration,	24 95
23,	A. W. Richards, School Dist. No. 2,	113 00
26,	W. H. Conner, School Dist. No. 1,	500 00
	Boston & Maine R. R., freight on drain pipe,	1 20
July 1,	D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1,	80 00
12,	N. G. Howard, new street,	100 00
* 17,	Ruth R. Lord, board of Eben Wilson,	8 00
	Staples Brothers, bill of drain pipe,	66 33
	Frank E. Horne, bounty on woodchucks,	2 10
	Austin J. Neal, new street,	22 00
23,	D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1,	134 00
28,	D. C. Langlands, breaking roads,	21 20
	“ new street,	16 40
	County tax,	670 41
30,	N. G. Howard, new street,	50 00
	“ bounty on wood- chucks,	6 40
Aug. 5,	Geo. B. Wiggin, highway, Dist. No. 1, 3	98 00
	Geo. B. Wiggin, breaking roads,	5 50
13,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	6 00

Sept. 13,	paid Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	6 00
Oct. 3,	Mary M. Wiggin, land damage, new street,	150 00
6,	F. P. Neal, breaking roads Dist. No. 2,	13 50
* 8,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son,	6 00
*	A. H. Varney, medical attend- ance on Mrs. Claudman,	8 00
Nov. 5,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son,	6 00
	J. P. P. Kelly, Ex'r, new street,	200 00
24,	W. H. Conner, School Dis. No. 1,	450 00
* Dec. 5,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son,	4 00
26,	D. G. Neal, highway, Dis. No. 2,	112 32
29,	N. G. Howard, bounty on wood- chucks,	4 10
	N. G. Howard, new street,	143 70
*	D. C. Wiggin, for C. Claudman,	50 00
* 30,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son,	4 00
1885.		
Jan. 10,	A. W. Richards, School Dist. No. 3.	112 00
21,	State tax,	964 00
* 23,	D. C. Wiggin, for C. Claudman, Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wil- son,	10 00
	J. H. Wilkinson, insurance on town hall,	5 00
Feb. 13,	J. W. Getchell, bill of glass &c., repairs of town hall,	35 00
22,	H. J. Paul, services as town clerk,	3 88
		26 32

Feb. 22,	paid H. J. Paul, service of the three Supervisors for two years,	30 00
	F. M. Pillsbury,	1 25
	G.D.W. Robinson, watering trough.	3 00
24,	Brown & Warren, repairs of town hall steps,	23 00
	E. A. Hanson, painting town hall steps,	2 18
	W. H. Conner, School Dis. No. 1,	390 94
	A. H. Varney, return of births and deaths,	5 25
25,	D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1,	200 00
*	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	5 00
	Swamscot Machine Co., lumber &c.,	51 07
	Swamscot Machine Co., breaking sidewalks,	17 95
	Horace Clough, police service,	10 00
	Thos. Sheehan, " "	10 00
	C. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	15 00
26,	A. W. Austin, police service,	8 50
	" " care and repairs of town hall,	12 50
	C. W. Scott, recording births and deaths,	1 00
	W. F. Littlefield, watering trough,	3 00
	A. L. Mellows, new street,	10 00
	Geo. B. Wiggin, breaking roads, Dist. No. 3,	49 60
28,	D. G. Neal, breaking roads in Dist. No. 3 2,	31 20
	S. E. Williams, auditing accounts,	3 00
	D. C. Langlands, highway Dist. No. 1,	78 24

Feb. 23, paid J. H. Fitts, services as Superin-	
tending School Committee,	25 00
J. A. Spread, collecting taxes,	
printing, &c.,	68 12
J. A. Spread, bal. for collecting	
taxes to date,	1 64

AUSTIN J. NEALE, SELECTMAN.

1884.

Mar. 18, time to Exeter to see County	
Commissioners,	\$2 00
Apr. 15, filling out and recording inven-	
tories,	3 00
June 24, bounties on woodchucks,	80
July 30, blank books,	1 75
Aug. 30, time to Newmarket about li-	
quor agency,	2 50
Sept. 1, time to Exeter and Newmarket,	3 00
Oct. 28, " see about board for Wil-	
son,	2 00
Nov. 4, warning and attending Nov.	
election,	2 00
Paid E. A. Hanson, setting	
glass in town hall,	35

1885.

Jan. 13, to Newmarket to see counsel,	2 00
returning inventory to Coms.	
of equalization,	3 00
two trips to Exeter, to settle	
with Co. Commissioners,	3 00
Feb. 13, labor on town hall windows,	1 00
Helping poor persons,	1 00
Stationery and stamps,	1 25
21, bounty on woodchucks,	70
All other services as Selectman,	15 00
	<hr/> \$44 35

JERRY MALCHY, SELECTMAN.

Apr. 1, enrolling militia,	\$2 00	
15, recording inventories,	2 00	
28, telephone,	40	
May 23, time and expense on new street,	2 70	
June 10, bounty on woodchucks,	30	
July " "	80	
Police badge,	1 00	
Aug. 12, helping poor persons,	2 00	
Nov. 4, warning and attending Nov.		
meeting,	2 00	
All other services as Selectman,	15 00	
		<u>\$28 20</u>

NATHAN G. HOWARD, SELECTMAN.

Mar. 20, Distributing Inventory blanks,	\$4 00	
Apr. 15, Receiving Inventories,	2 00	
3, Enumerating school children,	2 00	
May 3, Moving safe,	2 00	
Helping poor person,	25	
Apr. 4, Warning and attending November		
election,	2 00	

1885.

Jan. 7, Time and expense to Newmarket to		
see horse damaged by dog,	2 00	
All other services as Selectman,	15 00	
		<u>\$29 25</u>

GEO. O. PAUL, TREASURER.

Apr. 29, Time and expense to Pembroke, new		
street,	\$5 00	
Exeter,	1 50	
Newmarket to pay County tax,	1 50	
All other services as Treasurer,	30 00	
		<u>\$38 00</u>
		<u>\$6117 97</u>

Balance in hands of Treasurer, including balance dog tax last 8 years, *276.00*

410 48

 \$6528 45

GEO. O. PAUL, Treasurer.

ABATEMENTS ON LIST, 1884.

Harry M. Emerson, poll, paid in Candia,	\$1 35
Frank Blaisdell, poll,	1 35
Charles E. Batchelder, poll,	1 35
Eli C. Barnes, poll,	1 35
James A. Cassidy, horse and poll,	2 03
James Campbell, poll,	1 35
James Donnovan, paid in Raymond,	1 35
John M. Ewin, 	1 35
Stephen E. Hayes, 	1 35
Charles W. Howard, paid in Greenland,	1 35
Wilmot H. Hersey, dog and poll,	2 35
Edward Hawes, paid in Hampton Falls,	1 35
Patrick Kenney, 	1 35
William Lane, paid in Dover,	1 35
Charles Morse, paid in Hampton Falls,	1 35
Frederick H. Paul, 	1 35
Wm. Riley, 	1 35
F. C. Stafford, poll,	1 35
Levi Wiggin, " paid in Stratham,	1 35
S. A. S. Wormstead, poll,	1 35
Geo. E. Weeks, "	1 35
Alonzo Ward, "	1 35
Eben Yeaton, "	1 35
S. E. Williams, dog,	1 00
Harriet Warburton, error in real estate,	13 50
Henry Jackson, poll,	1 35
Samuel Merrill, real estate,	1 00
Winthrop N. Dow, real estate,	2 02

Nathan J. Wiggin, poll paid in Stratham,	1 35	
Charles F. Pease, dogs,	2 00	
C. S. Dixon, poll, paid in Stratham,	1 35	
A. M. Wiggin. dog,	1 00	
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		\$57 30

Valuation of property in town, April 1, 1884, \$352,620.
Rate per \$1000, \$13.50.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Note due Chas. H. Sanborn dated Feb. 21, 1881,	\$300 00	
“ “ “ Apr. 10, 1883,	400 00	
“ Nancy Howard “ “ 24, 1884,	400 00	
“ Chas. H. Sanborn, dated May 16, 1884,	250 00	
Amount due from town, on orders drawn on Treasurer, payable April 1, 1885, for damages by dogs,	206 00	
Interest on notes to March, 1, 1885,	42 39	
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		\$1,598 39
Less amount of tax uncollected,	\$55 05	
Less cash in hands of Treasurer,	410 48	465 53
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Net amount of Town's indebtedness,		\$1,132 86

*Paid by County.

AUSTIN J. NEALE,	}	Selectmen of South Newmarket.
JERRY MALCHY,		
NATHAN G. HOWARD,		

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

So. Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1885.

SCHOOL REPORT.

Both statute and custom require that an annual school report be made to the town and to the State Department of Public Instruction.

This school question is no new one. Its provisions are ever before us to be freely discussed, wisely amended and efficiently adopted. No subject is more important in its bearing upon the well being of our community. Improvement should ever be the watchword. Every school year should record some good thing accomplished, or at least honestly attempted. May a kind Providence keep us wisely zealous and level-headed in all educational matters.

Our schools have done good work the past year. Wishing to avoid being thought too congratulatory, I yet affirm my positive conviction that our educational interests are improving. Certainly there has been no instance of failure on the part of any teacher or school. Each term has stood far above mediocrity. And when we contemplate a series of years, it is not indiscriminate flattery to affirm there has been decided advance in the character and methods of instruction and in the extent and thoroughness of scholarship. This advance may be seen in several important particulars.

Our school revenue has been gradually increasing for the past ten years. The state law requires us to raise \$843.50. We have made an additional appropriation the past year of \$625.00. To these sums there is to be added the income from the Literary Fund, of \$94.44. This gives us a total revenue of 1565.94. It is more than the school money of 1883 by \$24.77, and exceeds that of 1882 by \$233.55. Ex-

cepting the large sums for 1875 and 1876, it now exceeds any annual appropriation within the memory of man.

The law requires twelve weeks of school instruction annually. The average length of the schools in Rockingham county is 25.17 weeks, and in the state it is 19.91 weeks. The length of our longest school the past year has been 33 weeks, and of the shortest 26.60 weeks, with an average of 31.40 weeks. For the year 1883 the average was 32.25 weeks, while during all our previous school history the average has fallen short of 30 weeks annually. Thus in respect to the length of our schools we are improving.

The average wages of male teachers in the common schools of Rockingham county,^r for 1883, including board, was \$44.04, and of female teachers \$28.14. The average wages throughout the state of male teachers was \$38.41, and of females \$23.14. Two male teachers have taught in our schools the past year 59.60 weeks at the average wages of \$50.18 per month. Two female teachers have taught 66 weeks at the average cost of \$35 per month. The previous year the wages paid averaged \$50 per month for males and \$35.17 for females. It is difficult to compare this item of wages with those reported for the last twenty years. But it is believed we have made commendable progress, while our present rank in the county and the state is certainly creditable.

The expense of instruction for each enrolled scholar has been in the county \$7.27, and in the state \$7.52. The cost for each of our pupils the past year has been \$8.64. For 1883 it was \$8.38, and for 1882 it was \$8.26. Again the rate per cent. of the school tax upon the invoiced valuation throughout the county is .0025. Our rate per cent. is .0044, in 1883 it was .004, and in 1882 it was .0036. Here, too, we are advancing, and stand well among our sister townships.

But in the number of our school children we have retrograded since the year 1861 with its 217 scholars. In this

particular, however, the tide has turned throughout the state; may it speedily be so with us. The Selectmen made return, April 1, 1884, of 150 children in town between the ages of five and fifteen—75 boys and 75 girls. This equality of the sexes in number is a little remarkable. The whole number of different scholars entered upon our school registers, four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, is 167—boys 79, girls 88. The average number of pupils belonging to the schools in town is 133. The average daily attendance has been 126. Several of these pupils are from out of town. The number of scholars under six years of age is 13; over sixteen, 2; between six and sixteen, 152. The largest number of scholars in any school is 54, and the smallest number 28. The average per cent. of daily attendance has been .925. Pupils not absent or tardy during the year, 14; during one or more terms, 48. Eight pupils have been present every school day for two years. Nine scholars are attending school in other places. These rank well in their respective classes.

The number of scholars in town studying reading is 165, spelling 165, penmanship 152, arithmetic 159, geography 97, grammar 67, history 63, composition 22, physiology 12, book-keeping 6, algebra 9, geometry 4, astronomy 3, philosophy 3, civil government 2. General exercises in singing are had in the grammar, intermediate and primary schools.

The three-book Eclectic series of Geographies by Van Antwerp, Bragg & Co., has been exchanged for the new two-book series by the same publishers. Some change was needed, and the present books give entire satisfaction. A revised edition of McGuffey's Reading Charts takes the place in the primary school, of the old cards so completely worn out. A valuable addition to the school furnishings of the grammar school, is the introduction of Willson's Charts of Physiology, imported from London. They decorate the walls of the school room as well as aid very much in the

study of this science. Much interest has been awakened in this branch. No voice has been heard in town, city or state against the study in our schools of the effect of alcohol, stimulants and narcotics on the human system. On Jan. 29, 1885, the schools at the centre visited the Methodist church, to see the picture by Rev. S. W. Hanks of the Black Valley Railroad and its vivid presentation of the ravages of intemperance.

May day seems pretty well established as a school holiday among us. Mr. Henry P. Neal for a series of years has kindly allowed the schools the free range of his pasture on that day—a privilege which has been amply improved. Last May, in addition to the usual hunt for flowers, the several school grounds were nicely “policed”. At the centre nine rock maple trees, *acer saccharinum*, were transplanted from the farm of Mr. A. C. Haley to the forbidding soil on the south side of the school common. The scholars enjoyed the work; they have cared for the trees and hope to see them flourish.

Our teachers remain the same as last year. They have all been employed during the entire school year. The primary school has now been under the care of the same teacher five successive terms; the intermediate and grammar schools each six terms, while the Piscassic school has been taught three years in succession by the same instructor. In this respect we are exceedingly fortunate. The fact that without exception the teachers have been retained from last year certainly speaks well for their work, and is highly complimentary to them. Thorough acquaintance has shown them worthy of our confidence, affection, and co-operation. Opportunity was afforded them to visit the Teachers' Institute at Concord, Oct. 24th and 25th, 1884. At much personal sacrifice to themselves they attended its sessions, thereby showing their eagerness to master the science and methods of the teacher's profession. The Superintendent has no need to refer to their respective merits as teachers and the

uniform success which has crowned their labors. He has occasion only to say that they have maintained their former good reputation among us, and that their interest, fidelity, and efficiency are still unabated and seem very much to excel even that of patrons and committees. With the close of the year they each received from their pupils fitting tokens of affection and esteem.

Good health has uniformly prevailed among our teachers and scholars the past year. No term has been seriously interrupted by any prevailing sickness, and individual cases of ill-health have been exceedingly rare. No death has occurred to sadden our hearts.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, WILLIAM H. CONNER.

Three schools. Money appropriated to the district \$1340.-94. Length of schools 33 weeks. Whole number of scholars, 139. Boys 63, girls 76. Average number of pupils 109. Pupils under six years of age, 12; over sixteen, 1; between six and sixteen, 126. Average daily attendance 103. Percentage of daily attendance .918.

The schools in this district were pleasantly surprised on April 16, 1884, by the unannounced visit of the Hon. J. W. Patterson, Superintendent of Public Instruction for N. H. They have also been favored with a visit from Mr. Henry Kimball, School Superintendent of Rochester. Inside blinds have rendered the Intermediate school-room much more pleasant than heretofore. There is a growing feeling in the district that the school-rooms are not so well arranged in the matter of heating and ventilation as they might be.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teacher, GEORGE W. LIBBEY.

Wages per month, including board, \$60.00. Number of pupils for the year, 40; average, 37; first term, 36; average, 34; second term, 36; average, 34; third term, 35; average,

33. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .933 ; first term, 94 ; second term, 94 ; third term, 93. Visits by Superintendent, 10 ; by prudential committee, 3 ; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term, 12 ; second term, 42 ; third term, 67. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred. Littlefield, John Lynch, John W. Coe, Lewis Coe, Mamie A. Connor, Maud L. Pillsbury, Robert Murphy ; second term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred. Littlefield, John Lynch, John W. Coe, Mamie A. Connor, Nellie W. Pease ; third term, Ralph E. Conner, G. Fred. Littlefield, John Lynch. At the close of the year, February 27, 1885, prizes were awarded to Harry P. Chase and Clara L. Neal for scholarly deportment and to Ralph E. Conner, John Lynch and G. Fred. Littlefield for attendance every day of the school year. Ralph E. Conner and G. Fred. Littlefield have not been absent for two years.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher, ABBIE M. CUSHING.

Wages per month, \$35.00. Number of pupils for the year, 46 ; average, 36 ; first term, 39 ; average, 38 ; second term, 35 ; average, 34 ; third term, 36 ; average, 35. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .896 ; first term, .921 ; second term, .911 ; third term, .857. Visits by the Superintendent, 9 ; by the prudential committee, 3 ; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term, 14 ; second term, 35 ; third term, 40. Pupils present every day without being tardy, first term, Maggie Kelley, Ines M. Pease, Hattie Swett, Mabel A. Conner, Bertie Miller, Herman Neal, Wilbur Littlefield, Charlie Pillsbury ; second term, Wilbur Littlefield, Bertie Miller, Charlie Pillsbury, Maggie Kelley, Mabel A. Conner, Cora Hayden ; third term, Charles Pillsbury, Herman Neal, Minnie Burns, Edna J. Chase, Myrtie I. Pease. Charles Pillsbury was present every day of the school year.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teacher, I. ALICE VARNEY.

Wages per month, \$35.00. Number of pupils for the year, 54; average, 37; first term, 41; average, 38; second term, 42; average, 40; third term, 36; average, 32. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .914; first term, .894; second term, .975; third term, .875. Visits by the Superintendent, 9; by prudential committee, 3; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term, 21; second term, 42; third term, 44. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term, Julia P. Conner, Charles Neal, George G. Tilton; second term, Julia P. Conner, Nellie J. Foley, Gertie Hayden, Mary Kelley, Lilly R. Marden, Wilbur Hayden, Willie Horne, Arthur Munsey, Charles Neal, Joseph Quinn, Fred Gunnison; third term, Charles Neal, George G. Tilton. Charles Neal was present every day of the school year.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

. Prudential Committee, A. W. RICHARDS.

Money appropriated to the district \$225.00. Length of school 26.60 weeks—one term of 11, and a second term of 15.60 weeks. Whole number of different scholars 30—boys 18, girls 12. Average number of pupils 24. Pupils under six years of age 1; over sixteen 1; between six and sixteen 28. Average daily attendance 23. Percentage of daily attendance .958.

Teacher, A. W. RICHARDS.

Wages per month \$35.00. Number of scholars first term 23, average 22; second term 29, average 26. Percentage of daily attendance, first term .955; second term .962. Visits by Superintendent, 7; by parents and friends including the closing examinations, first term 21; second term 29. Pupils present every half day without being tardy, first term Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards. Ernest E. Richards,

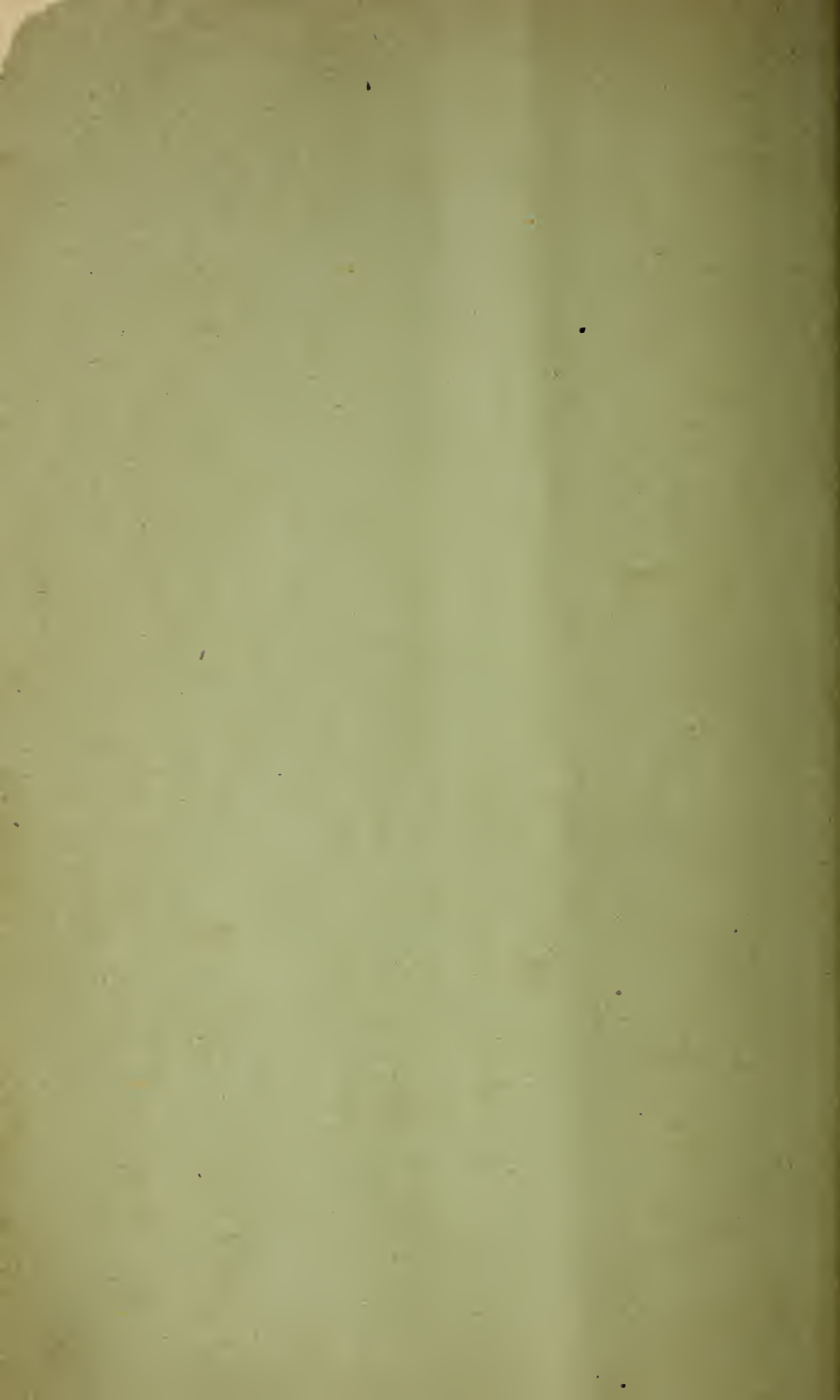
Charles W. Richards, Arthena Belle Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson, Alice B. Kuse, Josie L. Burgess, Sarah R. Richards, Lizzie H. Richards, Clara E. Bowley, May Belle Burgess; second term Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards, Herbert W. Smith, Daniel R. Smith, Leon R. Henry, Arthena Belle Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson. Alice B. Kuse, Josie L. Burgess, Lizzie H. Richards, May Belle Burgess, Harry G. Marden.

Mr. Richards writes, "The attendance of the larger part of the scholars was very regular during both terms. The record which shows nearly 96 per cent. for the year, would have been higher had it not been for two or three of the smaller ones whose years and strength were not equal, in the fall and winter term, to the somewhat spasmodic changes of the climate. Nine pupils have attended through the year without being absent; and six, Charles H. Reynolds, Arthena Belle Hanson, Nellie M. Hanson, Eddie H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards and Lizzie H. Richards, have not been absent for two years."

With many thanks for the efficient aid rendered by prudential committees, faithful teachers, studious pupils, and co-operating parents and citizens, this report is respectfully submitted.

J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, Feb. 28, 1885.



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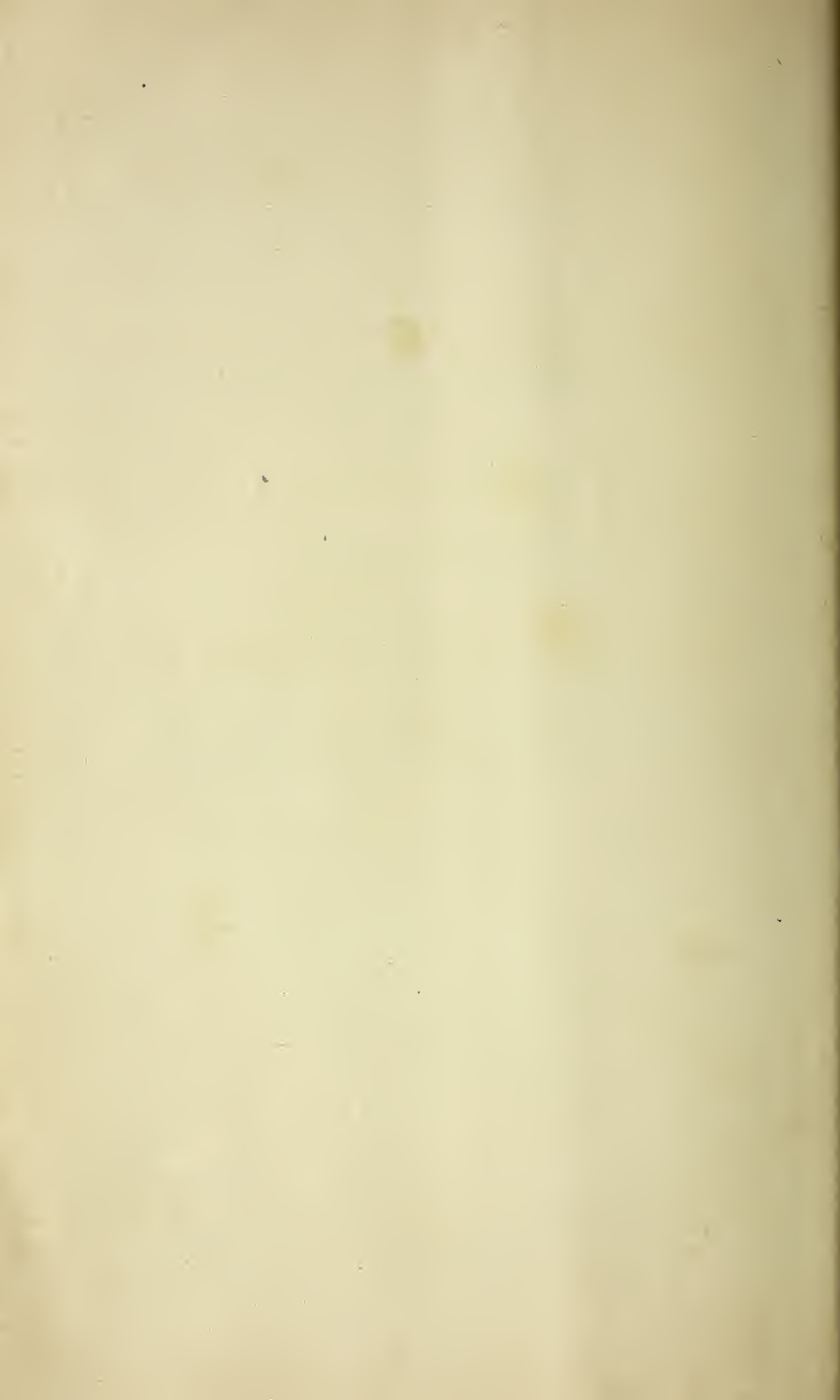
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TOWN OFFICERS.

MODERATOR,

DANIEL C. LANGLANDS.

TOWN CLERK,

H. JENNESS PAUL.

SELECTMEN,

JERRY MALCHY,

NATHAN G. HOWARD,

AUSTIN J. NEALE,

TREASURER,

GEORGE O. PAUL.

SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

JAMES H. FITTS.

COLLECTOR OF TAXES,

GEORGE W. PAUL.

AUDITOR,

S. E. WILLIAMS.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT BIENNIAL TOWN MEETING, NOVEMBER, 1884,

MODERATOR,

AMOS PAUL.

SUPERVISORS,

DANIEL W. LYNCH,

CHARLES S. CLARK,

JEREMIAH TOWLE.

REPRESENTATIVE TO GENERAL COURT,

JOHN E. SIMPSON.

VALUATION OF THE TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET, APRIL 1, 1885.

252 polls,	\$25,200
Real estate,	259,369
104 horses,	6,786
26 oxen,	1,806
123 cows,	3,731
122 sheep,	351
30 other neat stock,	530
4 hogs,	38
21 carriages,	1,290
Stock in banks,	6,000
Money on hand and at interest,	11,580
Stock in trade,	30,100
Toll bridges and mills,	2,817
Dogs,	61
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	\$349,659

Rate per cent. of tax, \$1.55 per \$100.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Geo. O. Paul, Treasurer, in account with the town of South
Newmarket.

Dr.

To amount in hands of Treasurer, Feb. 28, 1885,	\$410 48
Half repairs on Town Hall steps in 1884,	12 59

AMOUNT RECEIVED FROM STATE.

Railroad tax,	\$612 87
Savings bank tax,	645 17
Literary fund,	101 87
Bounty on wild animals,	22 20

\$1,382 11

Half insurance on Town Hall from School District No. 1,	\$2 25
Half repairs on Town Hall from School District No. 1,	9 00
Income from Town Hall,	24 00

\$35 25

Received from County of Rockingham,	162 79
Pool table fines,	20 00
License on pool tables,	19 00
Received of A. Spead, damage by dog,	15 00
Received of J. A. Spead, on tax list of 1884,	52 35
Amount of tax list committed to Geo. W. Paul, including dog tax,	5,488 79
Less discount,	\$473 99

Less abatements, \$28 71

Less uncollected, 12 20

\$514 90

\$4,973 89

\$7,083 46

TREASURER'S REPORT.

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1885.

Paid sundry orders of Selectmen as follows :

March 14,	paid Wm. B. Morrill, printing town ac-	
	counts,	20 00
April 1,	H. W. Norton, damage to horse	
	by dog,	15 00
	J. Hersey, sheep killed by dogs,	51 00
	John C. Giddens, sheep killed	
	by dogs,	35 00
	Gilman Marston, legal advice,	2 00
	N. G. Howard, sheep killed by	
	dogs,	30 00
	Henry P. Neal, sheep killed by	
	dogs,	36 00
	John Kelley, sheep killed by dogs,	4 00
	Joseph Lang, " " "	13 00
	Joseph Young " " "	15 00
	John F. C. Rider, ducks killed by	
	dogs,	5 00
	D. C. Langlands, highway Dist.	
	No. 1,	150 00
	C. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	18 00
	Jas. H. Batchelder, invoice	
	record,	8 75
June 1,	D. C. Langlands, Dist. No. 1,	150 00
	D. C. Langlands, breaking roads,	11 55
	H. Jenness Paul, memorial ex-	
	pense,	20 00

June 1,	H. Jenness Paul, fire apparatus,	\$150 00
20,	Daniel G. Neal, school Dist. No. 2,	125 00
23,	Chas. H. Sanborn, interest on note,	11 25
July 1,	Wm. H. Conner, school Dist. No. 1,	450 00
	Daniel G. Neal, highway Dist. No. 2,	83 00
22,	County tax,	1193 89
29,	H. Jenness Paul, fire apparatus,	50 00
Aug. 12,	Geo. B. Wiggin, highway Dist. No. 3,	75 00
	Frank P. Neal, sheep killed by dogs,	2 00
Oct. 24,	D. C. Wiggin, for C. G. Cloutman,	*45 00
Nov. 7,	Geo. B. Wiggin, on bridge, Dist. No. 3,	26 25
	A. H. Varney, medical attendance on J. H. Ham,	*14 00
Dec. 7,	Solomon Gray, board of J. H. Ham,	*20 00
18,	William H. Connor, school Dist. No. 1,	600 00
	James H. Batchelder, pamphlet laws and order book,	1 75
29,	D. C. Langlands, repairs of crossings, &c.,	45 00
1886.		
Jan. 6,	State tax,	964 00
	C. W. Scott, vaccinating 124 persons,	49 60
	Daniel G. Neal, school Dist. No. 2,	100 00

Jan. 6,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	*\$55 00
26,	James H. Batchelder,	1 08
27,	James H. Wilkinson, insurance on town hall,	4 50
	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	*5 00
30,	Mary E. Shackford, executrix of W. A. Shackford,	10 00
	D. C. Wiggin, for C. G. Cloutman,	*15 00
Feb. 1,	E. O. Foss, services getting R. R. tax,	30 00
17,	D. G. W. Robinson, watering trough,	3 00
	T. B. Robinson, surveying town line,	2 00
24,	Ruth R. Lord, board of E. Wilson,	*5 00
25,	J. E. Simpson, ticket furnished poor persons,	*3 79
	W. F. Littlefield, watering trough,	3 00
	N. G. Howard, sheep killed by dogs,	10 00
	Thomas Sheehey, police services,	13 00
	Geo. W. Paul, collecting taxes,	76 61
	F. M. Pillsbury, digging grave,	*5 00
	F. M. Pillsbury, care town hall,	18 00
	N. G. Howard, bounty on woodchucks,	8 00
27,	A. W. Austin, police services,	11 00
	H. Jenness Paul, services as town clerk,	31 64
	A. C. Buswell, record of birth,	25
	John Torrey, rent of building, fire apparatus,	14 00

Feb. 27,	Austin J. Neale, service as select- man, ¹	\$62 95
	Jerry Malchy, service as select- man,	31 38
	George O. Paul, service as treas- urer,	31 50
	C. W. Scott, record of births and deaths,	1 50
	N. G. Howard, service as select- man,	39 25
	S. E. Williams, auditing town ac- counts,	3 00
	O. A. Fleming, coffin for C. G. Cloutman,	*16 00
	D. C. Wiggin, on acc't C. G. Cloutman,	*5 00
	James A. Spead, collecting taxes 1884,	79
March 1,	Field & Leddy, for town hall,	3 38
	A. A. Moore, repairs on town hall,	18 00
	Emma Smith, sheep killed by dogs,	17 50
	Wm. H. Conner, school Dist. No. 1,	295 37
	Chas. H. Sanborn, note and in- terest,	315 25
	Chas. H. Sanborn, note and in- terest,	415 90
	Chas. H. Sanborn, note and in- terest,	258 81
	James H. Fitts, superintending school committee,	25 00
	Nancy Howard, note and interest,	436 95
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		\$6,892 44

Balance in hands of Treasurer, including		
dog tax,	\$107 50	
		\$191 02
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		\$7,083 46

*Paid by County.

GEORGE O. PAUL, Treasurer.

ABATEMENTS ON LIST, 1884.

Robert Warburton,	\$1 35	
Daniel Courtney,	1 35	
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		\$2 70

ON LIST, 1885.

John Foss (heirs), paid in name of		
Ann W. Foss,	8 77	
E. W. Gunnison,	1 55	
By error,	1 55	
P. Kelley, paid in Worcester, Mass.,	1 55	
Frank McGlency, not of age,	1 55	
Andrew McGlency, paid in Exeter,	1 55	
Henry O. Neal,	5 28	
Johanna Neal,	2 26	
Alphonzo Pinkham,	1 55	
Henry D. Ricker,	1 55	
James Sheehy,	1 55	
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		\$28 71

MONEY RECEIVED AND EXPENDED ON AC-
COUNT OF DOGS.

To amount of dog tax in hands of Treasurer		
Feb. 28, 1885,	\$275 00	
Received on tax list, 1885,	57 00	
Received of A. Spead, for damage by dog, 15 00		
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		\$347 00

Paid sundry bills,	\$239 50	
Balance in hands of Treasurer,	107 50	
	<hr/>	\$347 00

FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

Due town from County,	\$36 00	
Balance tax uncollected,	12 20	
Cash in hands of Treasurer,	191 02	
	<hr/>	\$239 22
Due from town on orders drawn on Treasurer,	\$56 85	
Estimated bills on which no orders have been drawn,	35 00	
	<hr/>	\$91 85
Balance in favor of town,		<hr/> \$147 37

JERRY MALCHY,	}	Selectmen of So. Newmarket.
NATHAN G. HOWARD,		
AUSTIN J. NEALE,		

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The undersigned hereby certifies that he has examined the accounts of the Selectmen and Treasurer, and finds them correctly cast and all payments properly vouched.

S. E. WILLIAMS, Auditor.

So. Newmarket, March 1, 1886.

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET,

TO JERRY MALCHY, DR.

1885.

March 16,	stationery and stamps.	\$0 68
	tax collector's book,	85
Apr. 15,	receiving inventories,	2 00
	27, to Newmarket to see counsel,	50
July 15,	helping poor person,	50
	18, bounty on woodchucks,	10
	health officer's duties,	2 00
Oct. 21,	perambulating Exeter line,	2 00
Nov. 5,	perambulating Epping line,	2 00
Feb. 22,	horse hire,	3 25
	services in C. G. Cloutman case,	2 50
	all other services as selectman,	15 00

 \$31 38

TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET.

TO NATHAN G. HOWARD, DR.

1885.

March 20,	to filling out inventories,	\$2 00
April 1,	to enumerating school children,	3 00
	15, to receiving inventories,	2 00
June 6,	to time and expense to New-	
	market for legal advice,	1 50
Oct. 20,	to repairing burying ground wall,	1 00
	21, to perambulating townline, Ex-	
	eter,	2 00
	29, to see H. O. Neal,	1 00
Nov. 5,	to perambulating town line, Ep-	
	ping,	2 00
	12, to time and expense to New-	
	market for legal advice,	1 50
	25, to time to Exeter, to search rec-	
	ords,	1 50

Nov. 30, to moving fence on new street,	\$2 75	
Dec. 7 & 8, to perambulating town line,		
Newmarket,	4 00	
All other services as selectman,	15 00	
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TOWN OF SOUTH NEWMARKET,

To AUSTIN J. NEALE, DR.

1885.

Mar. 1, to time to Exeter, get reports printed,	\$1 25
14, to time and expense to Exeter to see counsel,	1 50
Apr. 1, to enrolling militia,	3 00
15, to receiving inventories, etc.,	2 00
May 11, to bounty on woodchucks,	1 20
27, to fixing hubs on new street for fence,	1 00
June 20, to repairing Piscassic cemetery gates,	75
July 20, to labor and hardware for place for fire apparatus,	1 50
Aug. 20, to time to see H. O. Neal,	1 00
Sept. 30, to Concord about R. R. stock,	5 00
Oct. 21, to perambulating town line, Exe- ter,	2 00
29, to see H. O. Neal,	1 00
Nov. 5, to perambulating town line, Ep- ping,	2 00
17, to telephones,	25
to Newmarket, settle bill, Shack- ford estate,	1 00
23, to Newmarket, to see counsel,	1 00
30, to moving fence on highway,	1 00
Dec. 7, to perambulating town line, New- market,	2 00

Dec. 8, to perambulating town line, New-	
market and return,	\$2 00
29, to Newmarket, to settle bill,	2 00
1886.	
Jan. 6, to Concord to settle State tax, etc.,	5 00
26, to settle county bills, etc.,	2 00
to helping poor persons,	2 00
to stationery and stamps,	1 50
to services as health officer,	2 00
Feb. 13, to Newmarket,	1 00
22 & 23, to Exeter and services, Clout-	
man case,	2 00
to all other services as selectman,	15 00

\$62 95

SCHOOL REPORT.

Your committee hereby presents to the citizens of the town his fifth and, of course, last annual report under the present district school system of New Hampshire. The Legislature at its last June session passed an amendment of the school laws to this effect, that "The division of towns into school districts heretofore existing is hereby abolished, and each town shall hereafter constitute a single district for school purposes. The duties heretofore devolved upon the Superintending and Prudential Committees shall hereafter be performed by a school board of three persons in each town, to be chosen by ballot at the annual school meeting and to hold office for three years."

This act takes effect March 1, 1886. Thus the state has committed us for five years at least to the town system of schools. We, however, are so fortunately situated that this change will probably make no difference whatever in the number and situation of our schools; we seem now to have just the number and position which our convenience requires. This town system will receive the support of the best and most experienced educators in the state. Whether it shall benefit or injure us will depend upon our success or our failure in securing a School Board who will intelligently and sedulously look after the best interests of our schools. The district system has been productive of great good, but the town system is no novelty. The division of the towns into districts has been permitted for eighty years and compulsory for forty-two years, while a very good town system had served the people very well for a previous period of 258 years.

The state requires the attendance at public schools of every child between the ages of eight and fourteen years "for twelve weeks at least in every year, six weeks at least of which attendance shall be consecutive." The Selectmen made return April 1, 1885, of 134 school children in town between the ages of five and fifteen years—65 boys and 69 girls. This enumeration must also be reported to the state department of public instruction, and may be made the basis of legislation. The whole number of different scholars entered upon our school registers, four years of age and upward, attending school not less than two weeks, is 154—boys 75, girls 79. The average number of pupils belonging to the schools in town is 123. The average daily attendance has been 113. The percentage of daily attendance has been .917. The number of pupils under six years of age is 12, over sixteen 7, between six and sixteen 136. The largest number of scholars in any school is 48, and the smallest number is 26. Pupils not absent or tardy during the year, 4; during one or more terms, 52. Eight scholars are attending school in other places.

Our school revenue the past year has consisted of \$843.50 raised as required by state law, an additional appropriation by the town of \$625, and \$101.87 income from the Literary Fund. This gives us a total revenue of \$1,570.37. It is \$7.43 more than the school money of the previous year. The largest sum appropriated to any district is \$1,345.37, and the smallest sum is \$225. The average expense for each enrolled scholar has been \$9.54. The length of our longest school the past year has been 34 weeks, and of the shortest 25.2 weeks, with an average of 31.55 weeks.

The studies pursued have been Lippincott's readers, Monroe's speller, Swinton's grammar, Eclectic geographies, White's and Fish-Robinson's arithmetics, Payson, Dunton & Scribner's penmanship, Barnes' and Swinton's histories, Greenleaf's algebra, Meservey's book-keeping, Hutchison's physiology, Wentworth's algebra and geometry, Hart's rheto-

ric, Allen & Greenough's Latin grammar, Jones' Latin reader. The People's Cyclopædia has been placed in the grammar school at the cost of \$18.00. It has abundantly paid for itself already in the interest created and help afforded the pupils. The complete school chart by Ivison, Blakeman, Taylor & Co., has been put into the Piscassic and the intermediate schools at the cost of \$8.00 each. A little book entitled "Lessons on Manners," for school and home use, has been presented to the several teachers. Knowing what good manners and morals are, perhaps we may become at length better schooled in the practice of them. The number of scholars in town studying reading is 156, spelling, 152; penmanship, 156; arithmetic, 150; geography, 91; grammar, 83; history, 48; composition, 64; physiology, 17; book-keeping, 12; algebra, 11; geometry, 7; ancient history, 9; Latin, 10; rhetoric, 16. General exercises in singing are had in the grammar, intermediate and primary schools. Familiar lectures on our local history were given by the superintendent in the grammar school room on June 24 and July 1, which were well attended.

The best committees and teachers we can furnish will not make our schools what they should be without the hearty co-operation of the parents. For the past four years the average yearly visits to our schools have numbered, by the Superintendent, 29; by the Prudential Committee, 7; by parents and friends, 300. This is certainly commendable. These visits form a safe criterion by which to judge of the interest throughout the town, and they obviously tend to promote the welfare of our several schools. Moreover, honest teachers and scholars gladly welcome the presence of visitors, and by their cordial greetings and happy faces make it exceedingly pleasant to sit an hour with them.

The teachers employed the past year have been Mr. Augustus W. Richards and Misses Sarah Hilliard, I. Alice Varney, Abbie M. Cushing and Bertha J. Hobbs. It is due them to say they have managed their respective schools suc-

cessfully, thereby proving themselves apt, competent and faithful instructors. No system or method can take the place of the living teacher. Trained in accurate and accomplished scholarship and himself enthusiastic in the pursuit of truth, he spontaneously enkindles in other minds a passion for the acquisition of knowledge. What the teacher is, the school at length becomes. We may well be proud of our corps of instructors. Emulative of success, they have shown themselves capable, enthusiastic and stimulative to a high degree in the several schools.

Mr. Richards, at Piscassic, continues to give his undiminished interest and best endeavors to the pupils of his charge, and has a remainder of efficiency to expend upon our benighted neighbors of other towns and districts. Not South Newmarket alone would suffer by his withdrawal from the teacher's calling. At the beginning of the year the grammar school fell to the care of Miss Hilliard. Intellectually she was thoroughly equipped for her work. Under her methodical instruction and excellent discipline the school made commendable progress. She gave ample satisfaction to committees, scholars and patrons. But with the close of the term she tendered her resignation, and no persuasion could induce her to continue the school. Probably her somewhat impaired health was hardly equal to the task imposed on her. Perhaps we are not fully aware how severe is the strain on body and mind which is required to carry on the present manifold pursuits of this unique high-grammar school. At the opening of the second term Miss Varney was transferred from the primary to the grammar school. Her experience in the lower department served her well in the higher. The multiplied studies of this school afford ample opportunity for the exhibition of the highest scholarship and proficiency of the teacher's vocation. It has been very pleasant to witness the glow and enthusiasm of these active minds in presence of the surprising discoveries of education, and at the same time their respectful and loving subordination to legitimate

authority. Miss Cushing has conducted her pupils in the intermediate school through the year with all her accustomed faithfulness and success. This is probably the highest commendation we can pay her. She certainly merits this compliment. It is always pleasant to look in upon this school and trace something of the process by which the latent powers of youth awaken and develop towards future scholarship and manhood or womanhood. We were fortunate in securing the services of Miss Hobbs for the primary school. She brought with her a teacher's reputation and at once achieved success. We gladly welcome her on our staff of teachers. It is a sad mistake to suppose that anyone can teach the small scholars. These pupils will suffer with anything less than the best skill and experience we can furnish. They require above all others a teacher of sterling equipment to start them right on the road to knowledge. No person except the mother needs to be so capable, so efficient and so consummate in methods. We must tolerate no novices here. To employ them anywhere were a hazardous venture.

No prevailing sickness has interrupted our schools the past year. But we are deeply pained by the sad death of the five Hogan sisters. They were bright scholars and exceedingly interesting children. They died suddenly of diphtheria in the neighboring village of Newmarket.

DISTRICT NO. 1.

Prudential Committee, WILLIAM H. CONNER.

Three schools. Money appropriated to the district, \$1,345.-37. Length of schools, grammar grade, 33 weeks; intermediate grade, 34 weeks; primary grade, 34 weeks. Whole number of different scholars registered, 129—boys 61, girls 68. Average number of pupils belonging to the district, 101. Pupils under six years of age, 10; over sixteen, 4; between six and sixteen, 115. Average daily attendance, 93. Percentage of daily attendance, .917. Inside blinds have rendered the grammar school room more pleasant and comfort-

able for the summer months. The grammar scholars have provided themselves with a piano forte for the winter months.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL.

Teachers, SARAH HILLIARD, I. ALICE VARNEY.

Wages per month, including board, \$52.00. Whole number of different pupils for the year 46, average 38—first term 44, average 39; second term 38, average 37; third term 41, average 39. Average daily attendance for the year 36—first term 35, second term 36, third term 37. Percentage of daily attendance for the year .940—first term .897, second term .972, third term .949. Visits by superintendent 11, by prudential committee 2, by parents and friends, not including closing examinations, 67—first term 20, second term 33, third term 14. Pupils present every half day without being tardy: first term, Alice M. Doe, Bertie W. Miller, Nellie W. Pease; second term, Cora B. Hayden, Kate F. O'Brien, George L. Chase (tardy twice), Frank Hayden, G. Fred Littlefield, Bertie W. Miller (tardy once); third term, Alice M. Doe, Lynda F. Erwin (tardy once), Cora B. Hayden, Hannah C. Kelly, Florence S. Leavitt, Kate F. O'Brien, Mamie O'Brien, Nellie W. Pease, George L. Chase, Harry P. Chase, John W. Coe, J. Lewis Coe, Frank Farmer, Willie C. Hanson, Frank Hayden, G. Fred Littlefield, Wilbur Littlefield, Bertie W. Miller, Levi L. Pollard, Robert Murphy. Bertie W. Miller was present every day of the school year.

INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL.

Teacher, ABBIE M. CUSHING.

Wages per month, including board, \$35.00. Whole number of different pupils for the year, 35; average, 29; first term, 35; average, 32; second term, 29; average, 28; third term, 28; average, 27. Average daily attendance for the year, 26; first term, 29; second term, 25; third term, 25.

Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .908 ; first term, .906 ; second term, .893 ; third term, .926. Visits by Superintendent, 9 ; by prudential committee, 2 ; by parents and friends, not including closing examinations, 39 ; first term, 10 ; second term, 19 ; third term, 10. Pupils present every half day without being tardy : first term, Tommy J. Connor, Maggie A. Kelly, Mary E. Kelly, Charlie H. Pillsbury, Lucy A. Sinclair ; second term, Nellie J. Foley, Wilbur G. Hayden, Mary E. Kelly, Charlie H. Pillsbury, Altha R. Todd ; third term, Bertie R. Clough, Nellie J. Foley, Wilbur G. Hayden, Maggie A. Kelly, Charlie H. Pillsbury, Mary A. Sheehan, Norah Sheehan, Lucy A. Sinclair, Maud A. Towle. Charlie H. Pillsbury has not been absent or tardy for two years.

PRIMARY SCHOOL.

Teachers, I. ALICE VARNEY, BERTHA J. HOBBS.

Wages per month, including board, \$35.00. Whole number of different pupils for the year, 48 ; average, 34 ; first term, 41 : average, 34 ; second term, 42 ; average, 40 ; third term, 31 ; average, 29. Average daily attendance for the year, 31 ; first term, 31 ; second term, 36 ; third term, 26. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .904 ; first term, .912 ; second term, .900 ; third term, .899. Visits by the Superintendent, 10 ; by prudential committee, 2 ; by parents and friends, not including closing examinations, 62 ; first term, 31 ; second term, including examination, 37 ; third term, 9. Pupils present every half day without being tardy : first term, Isabelle Frasier, Harry R. Wiggin ; second term, Evelyn G. Hayden, Ethel T. Neale, Winnie O'Brien, Charles Cassily, Tommy Kelly, Arthur Munsey ; third term, Evelyn G. Hayden, Edith M. Currie, Annie T. Sloane, James Cassily, Tommy Kelly, George G. Tilton.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

Prudential Committee, DANIEL G. NEAL.

One school. Money appropriated to the district, \$225.00.

Length of school, 25.2 weeks—one term of 11 weeks and a second term of 15.2 weeks. Whole number of different scholars registered, 26—boys 15, girls 11. Average number of pupils belonging to the school, 22. Pupils under six years of age, 2; over sixteen, 3; between six and sixteen, 20. Average daily attendance for the year, 20. Percentage of daily attendance for the year, .915.

Teacher, AUGUSTUS W. RICHARDS.

Wages per month, \$35.00. Whole number of different pupils—first term 23, average 23; second term 24, average 22. Average daily attendance, first term 21; second term 20. Percentage of daily attendance—first term .92; second term .91. Visits by superintendent, 6; by parents and friends, including the closing examinations, 65; first term, 30; second term, 35. Pupils present every half day without being tardy: first term, Leon R. Henry, Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards, Lizzie H. Richards, Sadie Richards; second term, Charles H. Reynolds, Edward H. Richards, Ernest E. Richards.

Mr. Richards writes, "The number of visitors given in the summary includes those who were present the last day. There were 20 present at the close of the summer term and 24 at the close of the other. The number visiting at other times was 21. The attendance of the older pupils in this district is very commendable. Charles H. Reynolds and Edward H. Richards, have not been absent or tardy for four years."

Thus we have a statement in detail of the condition of our several schools. To say they are all we could wish would certainly be unwise; to brand them as failures were untrue. There is still a sufficient amount of inefficiency on the part of teachers, imperfection in the scholars and indifference by the parents. But our schools have kept on with at least their usual degree of success and are manifestly gaining a reputation for good conduct, studiousness and steady ad-

vancement. Without complaining of the past or grumbling at the present, let us ever aspire anew for improvement in the future. Once more the superintending and prudential committees unite with faithful teachers, studious pupils and co-operating parents and friends, in commending the great interests of our common schools to the fostering care of the legal voters of South Newmarket.

Respectfully submitted,

J. H. FITTS.

South Newmarket, March 1, 1886.

TOWN WARRANT.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE.

{ L. S. }

*To the inhabitants of the town of South Newmarket
qualified to vote in town affairs :*

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town, on the second Tuesday of March next, at ten of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects :

1. To choose a Moderator to preside in said meeting.
2. To choose one Town Clerk, three Selectmen, one Town Treasurer, one Collector of Taxes, Highway Surveyors, Auditors, Constables, and other necessary town officers, agents and committees for the year ensuing.

3. To see if the town will choose a committee to provide a suitable location, and to erect thereon a building for the safe keeping of the fire apparatus belonging to said town, and to raise a sum of money sufficient to defray the expense of land and building for said purpose.

4. To see if the town will vote to raise twenty-five dollars for Memorial purposes.

5. To see if the town will vote to light with lamps the corners of streets, and other necessary places in the village, and raise money to erect and support said lights.

6. Is it expedient that a convention be called to revise the Constitution?

7. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary for the support of schools, for the maintenance of the poor, for repairing highways, and building and repairing bridges, for paying the town debt, and other necessary charges arising within the town, to fix the price of labor on the highway, and the per cent. for the collection of taxes, and to take such action as seems necessary on Chapter Forty-three of the session Laws of 1885, relating to the town system of schools.

8. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or officers heretofore chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.

9. To see if the town will vote to accept the trust created by the will of the late William L. Walker and to take such action in relation thereto as may be deemed legal and proper.

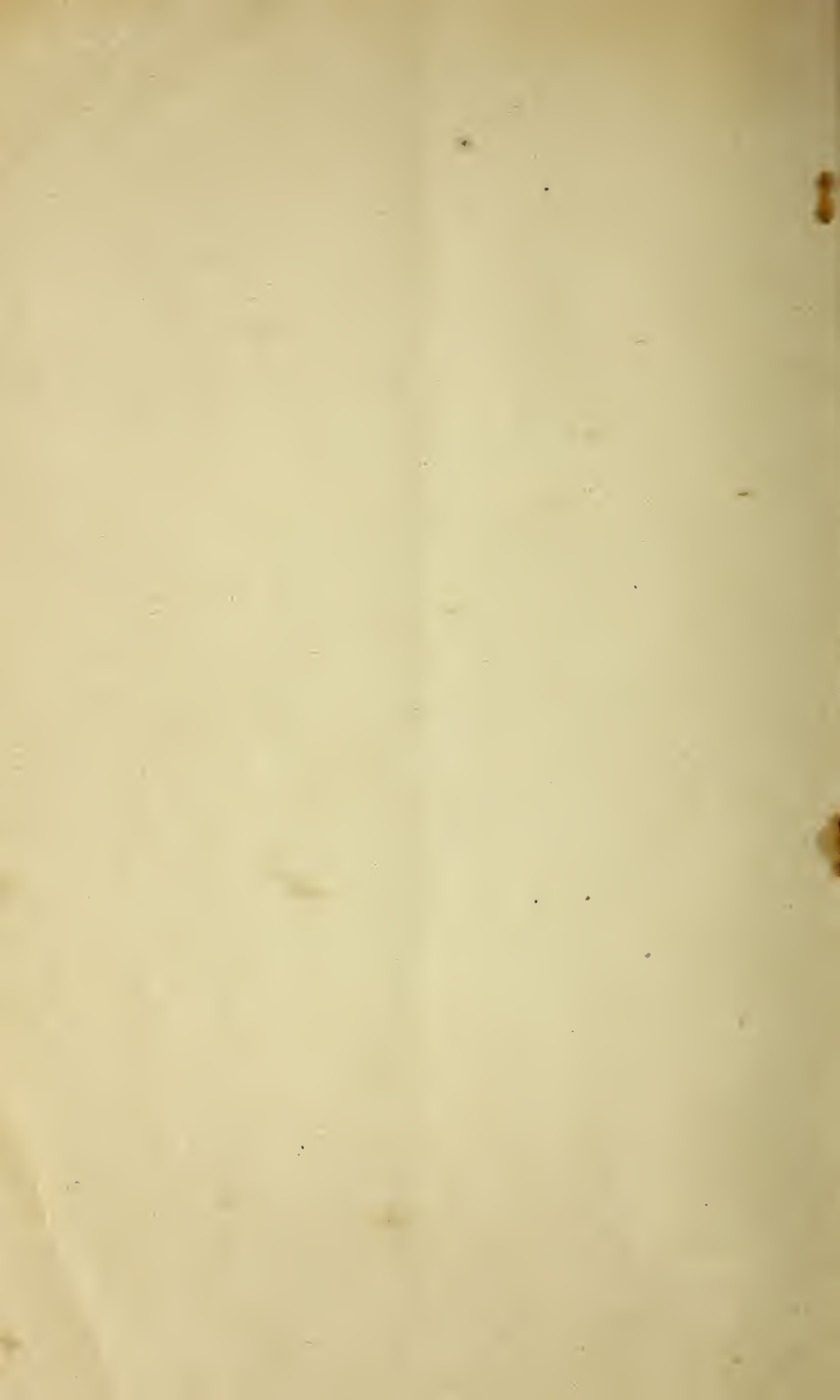
Given under our hands and seal this twentieth day of February, A. D. 1886.

JERRY MALCHY,	} Selectmen
NATHAN G. HOWARD,	
AUSTIN J. NEALE,	
	of
	} South Newmarket.

COPY OF BEQUEST OF THE LATE WILLIAM L. WALKER.

I give, devise and bequeath as follows: To the Selectmen of the town of South Newmarket, in trust, the sum of one thousand dollars. This sum I direct shall be held by the Selectmen of said town, for the time being, as a perpetual trust, to be by them invested in the note of said town, if practicable, but in any event in safe security; permanence and safety being the object, and not high rate of income; and from such income, from time to time annually to expend such sum as may be regarded as a judicious amount in the care, protection, repair, renewal and adornment of my lot in Locust Grove Cemetery at said South Newmarket, said lot being next to lot of Amos Paul in south-easterly corner of said cemetery; and of such sum any amount not needed for such outlay, I direct to be in like manner judiciously and economically expended in the general care, repair, and permanent improvement of said cemetery forever.







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